

**To:** Dominguez, Alexander[dominguez.alexander@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Wed 10/18/2017 4:28:26 PM  
**Subject:** FW: PLEASE READ AND RESPOND FW: Final FY18 Solicitation Notice for Review  
FY18 Exchange Network Solicitation Notice Final.docx

I'll stop by and see you on this one...

**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 12, 2017 9:21 AM  
**To:** Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>; Dominguez, Alexander <dominguez.alexander@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: PLEASE READ AND RESPOND FW: Final FY18 Solicitation Notice for Review

- 1) I would like your input on this draft grant solicitation.
- 2) I have some questions for the program myself including:
  - a. Where is the FY18 budget for this?
  - b. GHG reporting is zeroed out in the FY18 draft budget, so why would we need a database to collect that info?

**From:** Blake-Coleman, Wendy  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 12, 2017 8:03 AM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Leopard, Matthew <Leopard.Matthew@epa.gov>; Lee, Maja <Lee.Maja@epa.gov>; Dwyer, Connie <Dwyer.Connie@epa.gov>; Freeman, Charles <Freeman.charles@epa.gov>; Singh, Dipti <Singh.Dipti@epa.gov>; Hart, Michael <Hart.Michael@epa.gov>; Reynolds, Salena <Reynolds.Salena@epa.gov>; Martin, Devon <martin.devon@epa.gov>; Mixon, Edward <Mixon.Edward@epa.gov>; Jackson, Elizabeth <Jackson.Elizabeth@epa.gov>; Slaughter, Dorothy <Slaughter.Dorothy@epa.gov>; Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: PLEASE READ AND RESPOND FW: Final FY18 Solicitation Notice for Review

Hi John: Consistent with Denise Polk's email of August 8, attached for your review is the final draft Fiscal Year 2018 National Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant Program Solicitation Notice (SN). On 8/9/2016, OEI sent you a draft of this SN seeking your permission to request input on the draft SN from our partner agencies (states, tribes, territories); a request you approved on 8/16/2017. We subsequently made the draft SN available to interested state, tribal, and territorial stakeholders and convened 2 webinars; one in late August and one in early September to provide stakeholders an opportunity to provide input and/or ask questions about the SN.

The attached final draft incorporates the feedback received from stakeholders. The document is a redlined version to facilitate your review of changes made after your 8/16/2017 approval of the document used to solicit input from stakeholders. Sections of the document with changes are:

- I-A: Background
- I-D: Environmental Results Supported by Assistance Activities
- I-E: Program Priorities
- II-A: General Information
- II-C: Funding Restrictions
- V-A: Evaluation Criteria
- Appendix A: Programmatic Data Exchange Opportunities
- Appendix B: Foundational Exchange network Shared Services
- Appendix D: Strengthening Partner Information Management Capabilities

I will continue to serve as the OEI point of contact to respond to any OPA questions or comments on the Exchange Network Grant SN. Best wishes.

Wendy Blake-Coleman, Chief

Information Exchange Partnership Branch

Office of Environmental Information

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which is a competitive grant solicitation, that the Office of Environmental Information anticipates being posted on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) in late September and on which we want to request external stakeholder input during August. The National Environmental Information Exchange Network Grants support the implementation of the Exchange Network (EN) which is a partnership between states, tribes, territories and EPA to share data for more timely and informed decisions. As a result of this partnership and associated grant support, all 50 states, over 100 tribes, and 6 territories use the EN to exchange and report information.

OEI annually makes the draft SN available to interested state, tribal, and territorial stakeholders and convenes 2 webinars in late August for them to provide input and/or ask questions about the SN. OEI would like to continue this practice and seeks your approval of the attached draft SN. Upon your approval, we plan to request input from our partner agencies (states, tribes, territories). OEI will provide a final draft of the SN to you in September for approval after partner comments are incorporated and before we initiate the process of posting it to [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). In addition, the Grants Competition Advocate's Office and Office of General Counsel will review the SN. I will serve as the OEI point of contact to respond to any OPA questions or comments on the Exchange Network Grant SN. Best wishes.

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## **-D. Environmental Results Supported by Assistance Activities**

It is EPA policy to link work supported by assistance agreements directly to the Agency's mission to protect human health and the environment as articulated in EPA's Strategic Plan. EPA's Strategic Plan is available at <https://www.epa.gov/planandbudget/strategicplan>. Do we want to say (also the agency has released a new strategic plan as draft for comment at??...) The activities to be funded under this announcement will be linked to existing EPA's strategic plan are consistent with both EPA's current priorities (and potential new priorities under the draft plan??) for:

- . Improving air quality to ensure more Americans are living and working in areas that meet high air quality standards.
- Ensuring clean and safe water by improving water infrastructure and supporting drinking water, aquatic ecosystems, and recreational, economic, and subsistence activities.
- Cleaning up contaminated sites and returning land back to communities.
- Ensuring the safety of chemicals in the marketplace.
- Improving permitting and reducing reporting burdens that impede economic growth.
- Improving environmental protection through joint governance, state/tribal primacy efforts, and compliance assistance.
- Increasing transparency, public participation, and collaboration with communities.
- Creating consistency and certainty for the regulated community.



{matt do we want to revise this bulletized list to reflect the draft plan?}

**From:** Blake-Coleman, Wendy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 04, 2017 8:58 AM  
**To:** Leopard, Matthew <[Leopard.Matthew@epa.gov](mailto:Leopard.Matthew@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Freeman, Charles <[Freeman.charles@epa.gov](mailto:Freeman.charles@epa.gov)>; Dwyer, Connie <[Dwyer.Connie@epa.gov](mailto:Dwyer.Connie@epa.gov)>; Martin, Devon <[martin.devon@epa.gov](mailto:martin.devon@epa.gov)>; Reynolds, Salena <[Reynolds.Salena@epa.gov](mailto:Reynolds.Salena@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** PLEASE READ AND RESPOND FW: Final FY18 Solicitation Notice for Review

**Hi Matt:** Attached is the redlined draft Exchange Network SN document we intend to send on to Jonathan Konkus for his final approval before we send it to Bruce Binder for his review and approval. We will send Jonathan a copy with all the changes accepted as well, but want to facilitate his knowing what has changed. Please let us know if you want us to make any additional changes. Thanks WBC.

Wendy Blake-Coleman, Chief  
Information Exchange Partnership Branch  
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**To:** Sylvester, Kenneth[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov]; OGD\_Grant\_Reports[OGD\_Grant\_Reports@epa.gov]; Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]; Neal, Kerry[neal.kerry@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Wed 1/17/2018 4:00:57 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Weekly Pending Report - Non Profits & Universities

Region 4 reached out, we're talking. All good.

**From:** Sylvester, Kenneth  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 11:00 AM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; OGD\_Grant\_Reports <OGD\_Grant\_Reports@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Weekly Pending Report - Non Profits & Universities

I sent an email to Region 4 yesterday about the below grant. Let follow up with them to see where they are in the process.

**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 10:59 AM  
**To:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports <OGD\_Grant\_Reports@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Weekly Pending Report - Non Profits & Universities

I still have questions about this one below and I'm working with region to get more info. The rest are good to go. Thank you.

12/27/2017	Region 4	Gulf of Mexico Program Grants (MX)	C	B.F. Smith Foundation	Not for Profit	2/1/2018 2:00:00 PM	2018-2020	Mexico Program	This action approves a new award in the amount of \$1,000,000 for B.F. Smith Foundation to demonstration an innovative monitoring system that will measure and report field scale water and
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nutrient dynamics to the farmer in support of informed crop management decisions throughout the Delta region of Northwest Mississippi.

**From:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 10:47 AM

**To:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>; Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>; Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>; Neal, Kerry <[neal.kerry@epa.gov](mailto:neal.kerry@epa.gov)>; Etheredge, William <[Etheredge.William@epa.gov](mailto:Etheredge.William@epa.gov)>; Jones, Laurice <[Jones.Laurice@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Laurice@epa.gov)>; Durand, Jessica <[Durand.Jessica@epa.gov](mailto:Durand.Jessica@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Weekly Pending Report - Non Profits & Universities

Good morning John,

Attached for your review is this week's pending grant report for non-profits and universities. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Michael D. Williams

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**To:** Shaw, Betsy[Shaw.Betsy@epa.gov]; Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Dunham, Sarah[Dunham.Sarah@epa.gov]; Hyde, Courtney[Hyde.Courtney@epa.gov]; Roberts, Timothy-P[Roberts.Timothy-P@epa.gov]; Binder, Bruce[Binder.Bruce@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Thur 9/14/2017 5:05:37 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Tribal DERA Solicitation

Thank you. We are reviewing this now.

**From:** Shaw, Betsy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2017 12:06 AM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Dunham, Sarah <Dunham.Sarah@epa.gov>; Hyde, Courtney <Hyde.Courtney@epa.gov>; Roberts, Timothy-P <Roberts.Timothy-P@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Tribal DERA Solicitation

Hi John and Denise,

Attached for your review is the draft solicitation for the FY 17 Tribal Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Request for Proposals (RFP). The Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) authorizes EPA to offer funding assistance to eligible tribal entities on an annual competitive basis. The agency sets aside a portion of the funding appropriated for DERA specifically for tribes and anticipates awarding approximately \$1.5 million in Tribal DERA grant funding under this announcement to eligible Tribal entities. The closing date will be January 10, 2018.

FY 2008 was the inaugural year of funding for the DERA program, and since then EPA has awarded funds to over 690 projects to reduce diesel emissions nationwide, including 26 tribal projects. Later this fall we will provide the draft solicitation for the FY 17 National Clean Diesel Assistance Funding Program for your review which comprises the majority of the DERA grant funding.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, the OAR point of contact for this solicitation is: Timothy Roberts. His email is Roberts.Timothy-P@epa.gov and his phone number is (202) 564-6004.

Thanks,

Betsy

**To:** Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Allen, Reginald[Allen.Reginald@epa.gov]; Quarles, Michael[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov];  
Sylvester, Kenneth[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Wed 11/8/2017 6:27:23 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

Is something supposed to be attached? Thanks.

**From:** Polk, Denise  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 8, 2017 12:59 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Allen, Reginald <Allen.Reginald@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael  
<Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

Greetings, John,

Please see the information provided below from OA. Please let me know if the changes made allow this grant action to move forward. Thanks!

Denise A. Polk, Director

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**From:** Quarles, Michael  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2017 1:59 PM  
**To:** Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>; Allen, Reginald <[Allen.Reginald@epa.gov](mailto:Allen.Reginald@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

Hi Denise,

Please see updated work plan for this grant. We were able to eliminate the reference without compromising the original competition. Let me know if you have any other questions.

Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles

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**From:** Polk, Denise  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 19, 2017 10:15 AM  
**To:** Allen, Reginald <[Allen.Reginald@epa.gov](mailto:Allen.Reginald@epa.gov)>; Quarles, Michael <[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:Quarles.Michael@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)



Greeting, Reggie and Michael,

Please contact me regarding this action. I need to discuss with you prior to forwarding to OA.  
Thanks!

Denise A. Polk, Director

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**From:** Young, Jill

**Sent:** Thursday, October 19, 2017 10:04 AM

**To:** Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>; OGD\_Grant\_Reports  
<[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>; Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>; Osinski,  
Michael <[Osinski.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:Osinski.Michael@epa.gov)>; Neal, Kerry <[neal.kerry@epa.gov](mailto:neal.kerry@epa.gov)>; Pumphrey, William  
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**Cc:** Jones, Laurice <[Jones.Laurice@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Laurice@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

Denise,

The Office of the Administrator put forth this award from the Office of Policy, Office of Sustainable Communities. The workplan, award document and commitment notice are attached.

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**From:** Polk, Denise  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 19, 2017 9:15 AM  
**To:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>; Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>; Young, Jill <[Young.Jill@epa.gov](mailto:Young.Jill@epa.gov)>; Osinski, Michael <[Osinski.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:Osinski.Michael@epa.gov)>; Neal, Kerry <[neal.kerry@epa.gov](mailto:neal.kerry@epa.gov)>; Pumphrey, William <[pumphrey.william@epa.gov](mailto:pumphrey.william@epa.gov)>; Keesee, Peyton <[keesee.peyton@epa.gov](mailto:keesee.peyton@epa.gov)>; Schulz, Amanda <[schulz.amanda@epa.gov](mailto:schulz.amanda@epa.gov)>; Durand, Jessica <[Durand.Jessica@epa.gov](mailto:Durand.Jessica@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Jones, Laurice <[Jones.Laurice@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Laurice@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

Greetings, Jill,

Please let me know what program office recommended this award so I can contact them also. This award cannot be awarded until further notice. Please send me the workplan and award documents via email ASAP. Thanks!

8354310P 6	EPA HQ	\$10,000.00	10/18/2017	Local Government Commission	Local Government Commission	Through this cooperative agreement the grant recipient will organize and plan the New Partners for Smart Growth conference over a period of five years, one conference per year (2014-2018).
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**Cc:** Gunasekara, Mandy[Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]; Dunham, Sarah[Dunham.Sarah@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Wed 8/23/2017 2:56:53 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Follow Up and Question

Thank you Betsy.

On Aug 22, 2017, at 10:56 PM, Shaw, Betsy <[Shaw.Betsy@epa.gov](mailto:Shaw.Betsy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Okay. Thanks for clarifying.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 22, 2017, at 10:53 PM, Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)> wrote:

This is not going to be funded and we would kindly ask you to alert the organization in the morning that the award will not be granted.

Thank you.

On Aug 22, 2017, at 10:39 PM, Shaw, Betsy <[Shaw.Betsy@epa.gov](mailto:Shaw.Betsy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi John and Mandy,

Attached are answers to your questions we had committed to provide as follow up to our discussion of the proposed grant in support of the Global Alliance on Clean Cookstoves earlier this month. I'm confused about status based on e-mail communication from Denise Polk late today. Please advise.

Thanks,

Betsy

<Cookstoves Follow Up Qs + As.docx>

**To:** Lloyd, Keva[Lloyd.Keva@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Wed 1/17/2018 2:33:43 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Additional information requested for grant on today's Pending Report - MX-00D69918 (Region 4)

Can you email me the work plan or application, just so I can read a little more about it? Thanks.

**From:** Lloyd, Keva  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2018 12:23 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Additional information requested for grant on today's Pending Report - MX-00D69918 (Region 4)  
**Importance:** High

Good Afternoon John,

Concerning the B.F. Smith Foundation grant the Gulf of Mexico Office will be managing, please let me know what information you are seeking about the project? I will work with the program to get you a response.

Thanks!

*Ms. Keva R. Lloyd*

*US EPA Region 4*

Chief, Grants and Audit Management Section

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**From:** Sylvester, Kenneth  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2018 11:48 AM  
**To:** Lloyd, Keva <[Lloyd.Keva@epa.gov](mailto:Lloyd.Keva@epa.gov)>; Lapierre, Kenneth <[Lapierre.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Lapierre.Kenneth@epa.gov)>; Lincoln, Larry <[Lincoln.Larry@epa.gov](mailto:Lincoln.Larry@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>; Neal, Kerry <[neal.kerry@epa.gov](mailto:neal.kerry@epa.gov)>; OGD\_Grant\_Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>; Williams, Michael <[Williams.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:Williams.Michael@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Additional information requested for grant on today's Pending Report - MX-00D69918 (Region 4)

Hi Keva and Ken,

OPA is requesting additional information on the grant listed below. Please contact John Konkus and start a conversation to determine what type of information he is specifically requesting. When OPA has determined that the grant can move forward and if/when you are notified, please reply to this email letting us know so we update our tracking sheets and provide the final notice to everyone. Thanks.

12/27/2007	2007	DeRegio	Gulf of Mexico Program Grants (MX)	C	B.F. Smith Foundation	Not for Profit	2/1/2013	2010	905.00	Mexico Program	This action approves a new award in the amount of \$1,000,000 for B.F. Smith Foundation to demonstrate an innovative monitoring system that will measure and report field scale water and nutrient dynamics to the
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farmer in support of  
informed crop  
management decisions  
throughout the Delta  
region of Northwest  
Mississippi.

**Ken Sylvester**

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**Grant Resources:**

(External Agency Customers): <https://www.epa.gov/grants>

(Internal Agency Customers): <http://intranet.epa.gov/ogd/>

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**Cc:** Binder, Bruce[Binder.Bruce@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Thur 8/10/2017 5:39:59 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Public Affairs Review (OLEM 17-07, 17-08, 17-09)

Yes

**From:** Bilal, Kari  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2017 1:38 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Public Affairs Review (OLEM 17-07, 17-08, 17-09)

Thanks for the immediate turnaround, John!

With the edits described in 17-08 and 17-09, are we okay to proceed?

**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2017 1:30 PM  
**To:** Bilal, Kari <Bilal.Kari@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Public Affairs Review (OLEM 17-07, 17-08, 17-09)

17-07 is good. 17-08 (page 31) and 17-09 (pages 8 and 31) have edits as indicated attached.  
Thank you.

**From:** Bilal, Kari  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2017 1:03 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Public Affairs Review (OLEM 17-07, 17-08, 17-09)



John,

The attached draft RFPs have been received in OLEM/ARMS for review and approval, before public release. In accordance with the “**Protocol for Office of Public Affairs Review of Draft Competitive Grant Solicitations**,” we are submitting the drafts for OPA review and comment, prior to further action.

Questions/Comments on the drafts may be directed to: Kari Bilal / [bilal.kari@epa.gov](mailto:bilal.kari@epa.gov) / 202-566-1891

Thank you!

Kari L. Bilal | Junior Resource Official  
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*For OLEM competitive grant opportunities:*  
<http://www.epa.gov/grants/office-land-and-emergency-management-grants-and-funding>

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**Cc:** Davis, Patrick[davis.patrick@epa.gov]; Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Fri 9/8/2017 5:54:15 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Enforcement Grant

Thank you Patrick and Patrick. I'm copying Denise Polk so that she can move this one forward.

John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

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On Sep 8, 2017, at 1:52 PM, Traylor, Patrick <traylor.patrick@epa.gov> wrote:

OECA is OK with this grant. To the extent that our international hazardous waste import program is relevant to the grant and to the extent that office is shifted in the future to OLEM, Patrick Davis is also OK with the grant.

**Patrick Traylor**

Deputy Assistant Administrator

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

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**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 6, 2017 10:42 AM  
**To:** Traylor, Patrick <traylor.patrick@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Enforcement Grant

Do you support this grant moving forward?

**From:** Traylor, Patrick  
**Sent:** Friday, September 1, 2017 4:20 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Enforcement Grant

John, I'm spending this afternoon catching up on some woefully late correspondence responses. Did you get what you needed on this?

**Patrick Traylor**

Deputy Assistant Administrator

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**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2017 10:34 AM  
**To:** Traylor, Patrick <[traylor.patrick@epa.gov](mailto:traylor.patrick@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Enforcement Grant

Patrick: I came across this one today. Any thoughts? We can talk via phone when you have a moment.

8/1/2017 8:36 AM	Office of Enforcement & Compliance Assurance	Funding for environmental law enforcement worldwide including efforts to	Environmental Compliance Institute Profit	8/1/2017 8:36 AM	Support for the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Secretariat	The purpose of this agreement is to provide ongoing financial assistance and technical cooperation in mutually supportive efforts to
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Enforcement (INECE),  
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John Konkus

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**To:** Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Tue 8/8/2017 7:46:15 PM  
**Subject:** RE: OGD Weekly Grant Reports

Denise: For the "Pending Grants" list #10 should not go forward and #228 will need to be revised in order for me to approve it. Thank you.

**From:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports  
**Sent:** Monday, August 7, 2017 10:13 AM  
**To:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports <OGD\_Grant\_Reports@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>; Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov>; Cooper, Marian <Cooper.Marian@epa.gov>; Bell, Matthew <Bell.Matthew@epa.gov>; Milazzo, Julie <Milazzo.Julie@epa.gov>; Flynn, Mike <Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>; Etheredge, William <Etheredge.William@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Durand, Jessica <Durand.Jessica@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: OGD Weekly Grant Reports

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Amanda Schulz  
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**To:** Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Tue 8/22/2017 11:32:00 PM  
**Subject:** Re: URGENT --- RE: OAR Grant Still Under Review

Thank you.

John Konkus

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Greetings, John,

I contacted each program and grant office via email tonight, as appropriate, and requested that the recipients be notified ASAP. I will work with OGC tomorrow to develop standard language for offices to use to formally notify the recipients. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks and have a good evening. I will see you tomorrow for our 10am meeting.

Denise A. Polk, Director

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2017 6:51 PM  
**To:** Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>  
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**To:** Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>  
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**Subject:** Fwd: URGENT --- RE: OAR Grant Still Under Review

Sent from my iPhone

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**Date:** August 22, 2017 at 5:31:01 PM EDT

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Thanks

Courtney

**From:** Polk, Denise

**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2017 10:35 AM

**To:** Shaw, Betsy <[Shaw.Betsy@epa.gov](mailto:Shaw.Betsy@epa.gov)>; Marusiak, Eleanor <[Marusiak.Eleanor@epa.gov](mailto:Marusiak.Eleanor@epa.gov)>; Young, Jill <[Young.Jill@epa.gov](mailto:Young.Jill@epa.gov)>; Hyde, Courtney <[Hyde.Courtney@epa.gov](mailto:Hyde.Courtney@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Neal, Kerry <[neal.kerry@epa.gov](mailto:neal.kerry@epa.gov)>; Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>; OGD\_Grant\_Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>; Schulz, Amanda <[schulz.amanda@epa.gov](mailto:schulz.amanda@epa.gov)>; Durand, Jessica <[Durand.Jessica@epa.gov](mailto:Durand.Jessica@epa.gov)>; Jones, Laurice <[Jones.Laurice@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Laurice@epa.gov)>; Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>; Milbourn, Cathy <[Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov](mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** OAR Grant Still Under Review

Greetings,

The following OAR grant action is still under review and cannot move forward until further notice. Thanks in advance for your patience and understanding. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

This grant should not move forward:

7/25/2018 8:35 AM  
Supplemental OAR  
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Winrock Non-Profit  
4/1/2013 12:16 PM  
Capacity Building & Technical Assistance  
The applicant will support capacity

on Clean & Efficient  
Cooking Practices.

building, technical  
assistance and  
information exchange  
to improve health,  
livelihood, and quality  
of life by reducing  
exposure to indoor air  
pollution from  
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in developing  
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**To:** Fontaine, Tim[Fontaine.Tim@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Best-Wong, Benita[Best-Wong.Benita@epa.gov]; Miller, Tracey[Miller.Tracey@epa.gov]; Spraul, Greg[Spraul.Greg@epa.gov]; Binder, Bruce[Binder.Bruce@epa.gov]; Goodin, John[Goodin.John@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Tue 11/28/2017 9:26:21 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Advance notice of non-competitive grant award for OW

You all can loop them in at that point or I can loop them in now. Either way, I always ensure the AA or DAA have a chance to review. Thanks!

**From:** Fontaine, Tim  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 28, 2017 4:23 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Best-Wong, Benita <Best-Wong.Benita@epa.gov>; Miller, Tracey <Miller.Tracey@epa.gov>; Spraul, Greg <Spraul.Greg@epa.gov>; Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>; Goodin, John <Goodin.John@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Advance notice of non-competitive grant award for OW

John,

I can check on that for you. I do not believe that they have. The package is still on its way to Benita for her approval. It would likely be at that point that Lee or Sarah might be looped in.

Tim Fontaine

EPA Office of Water

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**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 28, 2017 3:23 PM  
**To:** Fontaine, Tim <Fontaine.Tim@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Best-Wong, Benita <Best-Wong.Benita@epa.gov>; Miller, Tracey <Miller.Tracey@epa.gov>; Spraul, Greg <Spraul.Greg@epa.gov>; Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>; Goodin, John <Goodin.John@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Advance notice of non-competitive grant award for OW

Have Lee Forsgren or Sarah Greenwalt taken a look at this yet? \

Thank you.

**From:** Fontaine, Tim

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 28, 2017 1:06 PM

**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Best-Wong, Benita <[Best-Wong.Benita@epa.gov](mailto:Best-Wong.Benita@epa.gov)>; Miller, Tracey <[Miller.Tracey@epa.gov](mailto:Miller.Tracey@epa.gov)>; Spraul, Greg <[Spraul.Greg@epa.gov](mailto:Spraul.Greg@epa.gov)>; Binder, Bruce <[Binder.Bruce@epa.gov](mailto:Binder.Bruce@epa.gov)>; Goodin, John <[Goodin.John@epa.gov](mailto:Goodin.John@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Advance notice of non-competitive grant award for OW

John,

The Grants Competition Advocate in Office of Grants and Debarment recommended that we provide you with an advance notice of a non-competitive grant package that we are processing which will continue support for the Environmental Law Institute (ELI) National Wetlands Award. This awards program is supported by multiple federal agencies and has been administered by ELI since 1989. The transmittal memorandum and the justification for non-competitive award for this grant are attached. We welcome any questions you might have on this grant.

Tim Fontaine

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**To:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports[OGD\_Grant\_Reports@epa.gov]; Neal, Kerry[neal.kerry@epa.gov];  
Sylvester, Kenneth[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov]; Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Wed 12/27/2017 12:55:06 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: OGD Weekly Grant Reports  
Pending Grants Report - New Supplemental and Incremental Filter 5 PCs - All Regions and HQ 12-25-2017.xlsx  
ATT00001.htm

I would like more information on grant #83928701 under New Actions. Please do not advance that one.

Otherwise the rest under New Actions and both under Amendments can move forward.

Thank you.

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Thank you,

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**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Tue 8/22/2017 10:51:08 PM  
**Subject:** Re: URGENT --- RE: OAR Grant Still Under Review

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2017 10:35 AM

**To:** Shaw, Betsy <[Shaw.Betsy@epa.gov](mailto:Shaw.Betsy@epa.gov)>; Marusiak, Eleanor <[Marusiak.Eleanor@epa.gov](mailto:Marusiak.Eleanor@epa.gov)>; Young, Jill <[Young.Jill@epa.gov](mailto:Young.Jill@epa.gov)>; Hyde, Courtney <[Hyde.Courtney@epa.gov](mailto:Hyde.Courtney@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Neal, Kerry <[neal.kerry@epa.gov](mailto:neal.kerry@epa.gov)>; Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>; OGD\_Grant\_Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>; Schulz, Amanda <[schulz.amanda@epa.gov](mailto:schulz.amanda@epa.gov)>; Durand, Jessica <[Durand.Jessica@epa.gov](mailto:Durand.Jessica@epa.gov)>; Jones, Laurice <[Jones.Laurice@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Laurice@epa.gov)>; Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>; Milbourn, Cathy <[Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov](mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** OAR Grant Still Under Review

Greetings,

The following OAR grant action is still under review and cannot move forward until further notice. Thanks in advance for your patience and understanding. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

This grant should not move forward:

7/25/2017 8:35 AM  
Supplemental OAR  
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Winrock Non-Profit  
International  
4/1/2013 12:16 PM

Capacity Building &  
Technical Assistance  
on Clean & Efficient  
Cooking Practices.

The applicant will support capacity building, technical assistance and information exchange to improve health, livelihood, and quality of life by reducing exposure to indoor air pollution from household energy use in developing countries.

Denise A. Polk, Director

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**To:** Bilal, Kari[Bilal.Kari@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Binder, Bruce[Binder.Bruce@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Thur 8/10/2017 5:29:39 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Public Affairs Review (OLEM 17-07, 17-08, 17-09)  
[17-08.docx](#)  
[17-09.docx](#)

17-07 is good. 17-08 (page 31) and 17-09 (pages 8 and 31) have edits as indicated attached.  
Thank you.

**From:** Bilal, Kari  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2017 1:03 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Public Affairs Review (OLEM 17-07, 17-08, 17-09)

John,

The attached draft RFPs have been received in OLEM/ARMS for review and approval, before public release. In accordance with the “**Protocol for Office of Public Affairs Review of Draft Competitive Grant Solicitations**,” we are submitting the drafts for OPA review and comment, prior to further action.

Questions/Comments on the drafts may be directed to: Kari Bilal /  
[bilal.kari@epa.gov](mailto:bilal.kari@epa.gov) / 202-566-1891

Thank you!

Kari L. Bilal | Junior Resource Official  
OLEM/OAA/IO/OPM/ARMS  
202-566-1891

*For OLEM grants assistance & information:*  
<http://intranet.epa.gov/olem/grants/index.html>

*For OLEM competitive grant opportunities:*  
<http://www.epa.gov/grants/office-land-and-emergency-management-grants-and-funding>

**To:** White, Lisa[WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV]  
**Cc:** Milbourn, Cathy[Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]; Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Tue 8/8/2017 7:27:23 PM  
**Subject:** RE: 96342701-2 CB EPA R3 \$325,000.00 8/1/2017 Bay Journal Media Inc Production of Bay Journal and related products

What was the response to this IG report? It said the taxpayer's should "recover \$1M in funding" that the paper received via this grant. Link:

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/sep/16/paper-that-covers-chesapeake-bay-faces-questions-o/>

**From:** White, Lisa  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 8, 2017 3:17 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: 96342701-2 CB EPA R3 \$325,000.00 8/1/2017 Bay Journal Media Inc Production of Bay Journal and related products

Hello John,

As discussed attached is the work plan and the RFP for the Bay Journal grant as it was awarded competitively. I will schedule a meeting to include the CBP folks to discuss your concerns. Let me know if you have any questions. thanks.lw

**96342701-2 CB EPA R3 \$325,000.00 8/1/2017 Bay Journal Media Inc. Production of Bay Journal and related products:**

These funds will be used to produce the content for the "Bay Journal" periodical newspaper and to publish and distribute 10 issues of the journal per year as well as for distribution of articles through an electronic news service and posting of the journal content to the "Bay Journal" Website to raise public awareness of issues concerning the Chesapeake Bay and its health.

**From:** Polk, Denise  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 08, 2017 10:36 AM

**To:** Esher, Diana <[Esher.Diana@epa.gov](mailto:Esher.Diana@epa.gov)>; White, Lisa <[WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV](mailto:WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV)>  
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<[schulz.amanda@epa.gov](mailto:schulz.amanda@epa.gov)>; Durand, Jessica <[Durand.Jessica@epa.gov](mailto:Durand.Jessica@epa.gov)>; Jones, Laurice  
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**Subject:** 96342701-2 CB EPA R3 \$325,000.00 8/1/2017 Bay Journal Media Inc Production of  
Bay Journal and related products  
**Importance:** High

Greetings,

Please see the message below from John Konkus concerning the referenced grant. This grant **cannot move forward** until this questions have been addressed I would recommend a call to him directly at 202-564-2187 to discuss. This grant is on the amendment page of the report that went to Cathy last Monday (7/31). Thanks and please let me know if you have any questions.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Denise A. Polk, Director

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**From:** Konkus, John

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 08, 2017 9:51 AM  
**To:** Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>; Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Need more info  
**Importance:** High

Denise: I need more info on this grant before we move it any further please:

John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

Mobile: (202) 365-9250

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**To:** Fontaine, Tim[Fontaine.Tim@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Best-Wong, Benita[Best-Wong.Benita@epa.gov]; Miller, Tracey[Miller.Tracey@epa.gov]; Spraul, Greg[Spraul.Greg@epa.gov]; Binder, Bruce[Binder.Bruce@epa.gov]; Goodin, John[Goodin.John@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Tue 11/28/2017 8:22:50 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Advance notice of non-competitive grant award for OW

Have Lee Forsgren or Sarah Greenwalt taken a look at this yet? \

Thank you.

**From:** Fontaine, Tim  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 28, 2017 1:06 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Best-Wong, Benita <Best-Wong.Benita@epa.gov>; Miller, Tracey <Miller.Tracey@epa.gov>; Spraul, Greg <Spraul.Greg@epa.gov>; Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>; Goodin, John <Goodin.John@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Advance notice of non-competitive grant award for OW

John,

The Grants Competition Advocate in Office of Grants and Debarment recommended that we provide you with an advance notice of a non-competitive grant package that we are processing which will continue support for the Environmental Law Institute (ELI) National Wetlands Award. This awards program is supported by multiple federal agencies and has been administered by ELI since 1989. The transmittal memorandum and the justification for non-competitive award for this grant are attached. We welcome any questions you might have on this grant.

Tim Fontaine

EPA Office of Water

(202) 564-0318



**To:** Dravis, Samantha[dravis.samantha@epa.gov]; Bolen, Brittany[bolen.brittany@epa.gov]; Feeley, Drew (Robert)[Feeley.Drew@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Mon 11/20/2017 7:43:34 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

Do you all have any feedback on in this grant? Thank you!

**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 8, 2017 1:34 PM  
**To:** Dravis, Samantha <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>; Feeley, Drew (Robert) <Feeley.Drew@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

This is a draft grant work plan that I asked to be rewritten to better reflect the administration's priorities. It's a small grant but one that comes out of OP, so I wanted to run it past you guys. Thanks.

**From:** Polk, Denise  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 8, 2017 1:29 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Allen, Reginald <[Allen.Reginald@epa.gov](mailto:Allen.Reginald@epa.gov)>; Quarles, Michael <[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:Quarles.Michael@epa.gov)>; Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

Attached is the document. I apologize for the inconvenience.

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**From:** Konkus, John

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 08, 2017 1:27 PM

**To:** Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Allen, Reginald <[Allen.Reginald@epa.gov](mailto:Allen.Reginald@epa.gov)>; Quarles, Michael <[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:Quarles.Michael@epa.gov)>; Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

Is something supposed to be attached? Thanks.

**From:** Polk, Denise

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 8, 2017 12:59 PM

**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Allen, Reginald <[Allen.Reginald@epa.gov](mailto:Allen.Reginald@epa.gov)>; Quarles, Michael <[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:Quarles.Michael@epa.gov)>; Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

Greetings, John,

Please see the information provided below from OA. Please let me know if the changes made allow this grant action to move forward. Thanks!

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**From:** Quarles, Michael  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2017 1:59 PM  
**To:** Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>; Allen, Reginald <[Allen.Reginald@epa.gov](mailto:Allen.Reginald@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

Hi Denise,

Please see updated work plan for this grant. We were able to eliminate the reference without compromising the original competition. Let me know if you have any other questions.

Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles

Acquisitions and Assistance Manager

Office of Administrative and Executive Services

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**From:** Polk, Denise  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 19, 2017 10:15 AM  
**To:** Allen, Reginald <[Allen.Reginald@epa.gov](mailto:Allen.Reginald@epa.gov)>; Quarles, Michael <[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:Quarles.Michael@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

Greeting, Reggie and Michael,

Please contact me regarding this action. I need to discuss with you prior to forwarding to OA.  
Thanks!

Denise A. Polk, Director

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**From:** Young, Jill  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 19, 2017 10:04 AM  
**To:** Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>; OGD\_Grant\_Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>; Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>; Osinski, Michael <[Osinski.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:Osinski.Michael@epa.gov)>; Neal, Kerry <[neal.kerry@epa.gov](mailto:neal.kerry@epa.gov)>; Pumphrey, William <[pumphrey.william@epa.gov](mailto:pumphrey.william@epa.gov)>; Keesee, Peyton <[keesee.peyton@epa.gov](mailto:keesee.peyton@epa.gov)>; Schulz, Amanda <[schulz.amanda@epa.gov](mailto:schulz.amanda@epa.gov)>; Durand, Jessica <[Durand.Jessica@epa.gov](mailto:Durand.Jessica@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Jones, Laurice <[Jones.Laurice@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Laurice@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

Denise,

The Office of the Administrator put forth this award from the Office of Policy, Office of Sustainable Communities. The workplan, award document and commitment notice are attached.

Jill D. Young

Branch Chief

Environmental Protection Agency

Office of Grants & Debarment

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**Cc:** Jones, Laurice <[Jones.Laurice@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Laurice@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

Greetings, Jill,

Please let me know what program office recommended this award so I can contact them also. This award cannot be awarded until further notice. Please send me the workplan and award documents via email ASAP. Thanks!

8354310P 6	EPA HQ	\$10,000.00	10/18/2017	Local Government Commission	Local Government Commission	Through this cooperative agreement the grant recipient will organize and plan the New Partners for Smart Growth conference over a period of five years, one conference per year (2014-2018).
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**To:** Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]; OGD\_Grant\_Reports[OGD\_Grant\_Reports@epa.gov];  
Sylvester, Kenneth[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Tue 10/17/2017 2:30:08 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Weekly Pending Report - Non Profits & Universities

Thank you Denise.

**From:** Polk, Denise  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2017 10:21 AM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; OGD\_Grant\_Reports  
<OGD\_Grant\_Reports@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Weekly Pending Report - Non Profits & Universities

I will take care of it! Thanks!

Denise A. Polk, Director

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**Subject:** FW: Weekly Pending Report - Non Profits & Universities

I need more information on this one...we already have EE grants and this looks like one that is outside the normal EE grant program that I am familiar with:

10/10/2016 10:55:01	Environmental North	Not 9/1/2016	2016/2016-53600	Leadership and Training Collaborative	Project ee306 will train a cadre of culturally diverse education professionals to deliver environmental education (EE) in formal and non-formal settings and strengthens the EE field so that these efforts are sustained in the future. Activities include improving the practice of 4M+ formal and non-formal educators, updating and/or creating EE Guidelines for Excellence; and training Community Change Fellows who will implement action plans that will demonstrate how individuals and communities can respond to climate change.
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	Administration Training Association Profit				
	Program for				
	(NT) Environmental				
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The rest are good to go.

Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: OGD\_Grant\_Reports

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Subject: Weekly Pending Report - Non Profits & Universities

Good Morning,

Attached for your review is the pending grant report for non-profits and universities. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Amanda Schulz

National Policy, Training, and Compliance Division Office of Grants and Debarment U.S.  
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**To:** White, Lisa[WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV]  
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Wed 8/23/2017 7:21:08 PM  
**Subject:** RE: R3 Grant Award Still Under Review

Looks great! Thank you Lisa.

**From:** White, Lisa  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 23, 2017 3:20 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: R3 Grant Award Still Under Review

Hi John -- we took another look and changed the title to *Monitoring and Assessment of Coastal Wetlands Vegetation* which better reflects the purpose of this project. Please let me know if this ok. thanks.lw

Lisa White, Acting Chief

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**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>; Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: R3 Grant Award Still Under Review

That's it. Thank you.

**From:** White, Lisa  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 23, 2017 2:23 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
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**Subject:** FW: R3 Grant Award Still Under Review  
**Importance:** High

Hi John,

I am working with the program officials to obtain more information on the below grant, I believe the title needs to be changed to better reflect the wetland monitoring and assessment work being conducted by VIMS. I will get back to you asap. Thanks.lw

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2017 10:26 AM  
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**Subject:** R3 Grant Award Still Under Review

**Importance:** High

Greetings,

The following R3 grant action is still under review and cannot move forward until further notice. **Please do not mail out as this action is on the Congressional Notification Report today.** Thanks in advance for your patience and understanding. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

96347001-1	CD	EPA R3	\$178,090.00	8/21/2017	VA Institute of Marine Science	VIMS-WPDG FY16-17 Vulnerability to Climate Change
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**To:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports[OGD\_Grant\_Reports@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Tue 8/1/2017 7:17:30 PM  
**Subject:** RE: OGD Weekly Grant Reports

Which program managed this particular grant?

**From:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2017 3:12 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; OGD\_Grant\_Reports  
<OGD\_Grant\_Reports@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: OGD Weekly Grant Reports

Good Afternoon,

Per your request, attached is the draft solicitation for solicitation #6, *R6-R9 Healthier Indoor Environments for Children in Border Communities*, on the Upcoming Competition Report. The points of contact for this solicitation are Stephanie Cheaney (214-665-8057, [cheaney.stephanie@epa.gov](mailto:cheaney.stephanie@epa.gov)) and Dannell Brown (214-665-7279, [brown.dannell@epa.gov](mailto:brown.dannell@epa.gov)) in R6.

OGD is still working to get the other two solicitations for you and anticipate providing them soon.

Thank you,

Jessica Durand

Policy Specialist

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202-564-5317

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**From:** Konkus, John  
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**Subject:** RE: OGD Weekly Grant Reports

In reference to the “Upcoming Competition Report” can I please see the full draft solicitation for numbers 6, 7 and 8. Thank you.

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**To:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Vizian, Donna <[Vizian.Donna@epa.gov](mailto:Vizian.Donna@epa.gov)>; Showman, John <[Showman.John@epa.gov](mailto:Showman.John@epa.gov)>; Cooper, Marian <[Cooper.Marian@epa.gov](mailto:Cooper.Marian@epa.gov)>; Bell, Matthew <[Bell.Matthew@epa.gov](mailto:Bell.Matthew@epa.gov)>; Milazzo, Julie <[Milazzo.Julie@epa.gov](mailto:Milazzo.Julie@epa.gov)>; Flynn, Mike <[Flynn.Mike@epa.gov](mailto:Flynn.Mike@epa.gov)>; Etheredge, William <[Etheredge.William@epa.gov](mailto:Etheredge.William@epa.gov)>; Neal, Kerry <[neal.kerry@epa.gov](mailto:neal.kerry@epa.gov)>; Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>; Schulz, Amanda <[schulz.amanda@epa.gov](mailto:schulz.amanda@epa.gov)>; Durand, Jessica <[Durand.Jessica@epa.gov](mailto:Durand.Jessica@epa.gov)>; Jones, Laurice <[Jones.Laurice@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Laurice@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** OGD Weekly Grant Reports

EPA Colleagues,

You are receiving this email because the Chief of Staff has requested that you be included on this distribution list. Attached are: 1) the Pending New and Supplemental Grant Actions Report, which includes monetary new and supplemental actions, regardless of dollar threshold; 2) the White House/Administrator’s report; 3) the daily Congressional Notification report; and 4) the Upcoming Competition Report.

Below is a table with a description and point of contact (POC) for each report. Please don’t hesitate to reach out with any questions related to this submission.

Report Type	Report Description	POC	Report Submission Frequency
New & Supplemental Pending Grant Actions	The purpose of this report is to provide a listing of the Agency-wide Funding Packages (includes a Commitment Notice and either a Funding Recommendation or a Change Request form) that have been “Finalized” by the Program Office, have had draft award documents initiated by the Grants Office staff (signified by entry of a “Funding Package Date” in the Draft Award document) and are pending award issuance by the Regional/HQ Award Official. Furthermore, the report lists only individual New and Supplemental Amendment grant monetary actions. The source of the information contained in the report is the Grants Data Mart, which reflects information input into IGMS by Grants Management staff across the agency.	William Etheredge, however all inquiries should be submitted to the OGD email address titled:  <a href="mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov">OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov</a>	Weekly every Monday
White House Administrator	The purpose of this report is to notify EPA senior leaders of awards prior to issuance for coordination and communication purposes. Grants Management Offices are required to report any assistance agreement award to the Office of Grants and Debarment (OGD), National Policy, Training and Compliance Division (NPTCD), in which the EPA contribution (including in-kind assistance) is for \$1,000,000 or greater. NPTCD compiles this information into a weekly report submitted to the White House Liaison within the Office of the Administrator.	Amanda Schulz, however all inquiries should be submitted to the OGD email address titled:  <a href="mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov">OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov</a>	Weekly every Monday
Congressional Notification	The purpose of this report is to show monetary grant awards that were signed by EPA Award Officials the previous business day. When the award is signed, a Congressional Notification is automatically triggered within the Integrated Grants Management System (IGMS) database. The source of the information contained in the CN report is Grants Data Mart, which reflects information input into IGMS by Grants Management staff across the agency.	Amanda Schulz, however all inquiries should be submitted to the OGD email address titled:  <a href="mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov">OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov</a>	Daily

Upcoming Competition Report      The purpose of this report is to show information on all competitive grant funding opportunity announcements expected to be posted by headquarters and regional program offices in the next month.

Bruce Binder      Monthly,  
[binder.bruce@epa.gov](mailto:binder.bruce@epa.gov) at the end  
of the  
month

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**To:** Greaves, Holly[greaves.holly@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Thur 8/10/2017 3:41:57 PM  
**Subject:** FW: 96342701-2 CB EPA R3 \$325,000.00 8/1/2017 Bay Journal Media Inc Production of Bay Journal and related products

Can we talk about this one? Thanks Holly!

**From:** White, Lisa  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2017 11:34 AM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Greaves, Holly <greaves.holly@epa.gov>; D'Andrea, Michael <DANDREA.MICHAEL@EPA.GOV>; Esher, Diana <Esher.Diana@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: 96342701-2 CB EPA R3 \$325,000.00 8/1/2017 Bay Journal Media Inc Production of Bay Journal and related products

Morning John,

I read the OIG report referenced in the post article and the Agency's response and offer the following information. The audit was performed on the previous grant recipient, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, Inc., not the current recipient which is Bay Journal Media, Inc. Also, the audit findings questioned the procurement costs because the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, Inc., did not comply with the federal procurement regulations. The audit did not question the quality or value of the *Bay Journal*. After further review and discussion, the EPA and the OIG agreed that \$10K in costs were found to be ineligible.

Following is a summary with links to the report at a glance and the full audit report.

It is important to note that the current grant to the Bay Journal Media, Inc. is awarded competitively in accordance with EPA's competition policy.

OIG Audit 12-4-0720, was issued on August 22, 2012. The scope of the audit was to review five cooperative agreements awarded to the **Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, Inc.** totaling \$3.6M to promote public education, outreach, and participation in the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. One of the tasks under the agreements was to produce and publish the *Bay Journal* which is

published to inform the public about issues and events that affect the Chesapeake Bay.

The OIG report at a glance states that the recipient achieved the intended result of producing the *Bay Journal*, but did not comply with the Code of Federal Regulations regarding procurement and financial management requirements. The recipient did not prepare and document a cost or price analysis, nor evaluate the performance of its *Bay Journal* contractor. Also, its federal financial reports are not supported by its accounting records. We questioned project costs totaling \$1,357,035.

The CB program officials would like to have a discussion with you next week regarding going forward with this action. I will be out of town for training, but If you agree, I will setup the call.

thanks.lw

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**From:** Konkus, John

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 09, 2017 3:21 PM

**To:** White, Lisa <[WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV](mailto:WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV)>

**Cc:** Milbourn, Cathy <[Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov](mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov)>; Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>; Greaves, Holly <[greaves.holly@epa.gov](mailto:greaves.holly@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: 96342701-2 CB EPA R3 \$325,000.00 8/1/2017 Bay Journal Media Inc Production of Bay Journal and related products

OK! Thanks.

**From:** White, Lisa  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 9, 2017 3:18 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Milbourn, Cathy <[Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov](mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov)>; Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>; Greaves, Holly <[greaves.holly@epa.gov](mailto:greaves.holly@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: 96342701-2 CB EPA R3 \$325,000.00 8/1/2017 Bay Journal Media Inc Production of Bay Journal and related products

Hi John, my apologies, I'm researching this question, the IG audit was issued in 2012 (before my time in the grants office). I will get back to by COB today or tomorrow morning. Is that ok? thanks.lw

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**Cc:** Milbourn, Cathy <[Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov](mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov)>; Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>; Greaves, Holly <[greaves.holly@epa.gov](mailto:greaves.holly@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: 96342701-2 CB EPA R3 \$325,000.00 8/1/2017 Bay Journal Media Inc Production of Bay Journal and related products

Circling back on this question Lisa. Thank you!

**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 8, 2017 3:27 PM  
**To:** White, Lisa <[WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV](mailto:WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV)>  
**Cc:** Milbourn, Cathy <[Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov](mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov)>; Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: 96342701-2 CB EPA R3 \$325,000.00 8/1/2017 Bay Journal Media Inc Production of Bay Journal and related products

What was the response to this IG report? It said the taxpayer's should "recover \$1M in funding" that the paper received via this grant. Link:  
<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/sep/16/paper-that-covers-chesapeake-bay-faces-questions-o/>

**From:** White, Lisa  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 8, 2017 3:17 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Milbourn, Cathy <[Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov](mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov)>; Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: 96342701-2 CB EPA R3 \$325,000.00 8/1/2017 Bay Journal Media Inc Production of Bay Journal and related products

Hello John,

As discussed attached is the work plan and the RFP for the Bay Journal grant as it was awarded competitively. I will schedule a meeting to include the CBP folks to discuss your concerns. Let me know if you have any questions. thanks.lw

**96342701-2 CB EPA R3 \$325,000.00 8/1/2017 Bay Journal Media Inc. Production of Bay Journal and related products:**

These funds will be used to produce the content for the "Bay Journal" periodical newspaper and to publish and distribute 10 issues of the journal per year as well as for

distribution of articles through an electronic news service and posting of the journal content to the "Bay Journal" Website to raise public awareness of issues concerning the Chesapeake Bay and its health.

**From:** Polk, Denise

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 08, 2017 10:36 AM

**To:** Esher, Diana <[Esher.Diana@epa.gov](mailto:Esher.Diana@epa.gov)>; White, Lisa <[WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV](mailto:WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV)>

**Cc:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>; Schulz, Amanda <[schulz.amanda@epa.gov](mailto:schulz.amanda@epa.gov)>; Durand, Jessica <[Durand.Jessica@epa.gov](mailto:Durand.Jessica@epa.gov)>; Jones, Laurice <[Jones.Laurice@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Laurice@epa.gov)>; Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>; Neal, Kerry <[neal.kerry@epa.gov](mailto:neal.kerry@epa.gov)>; Milbourn, Cathy <[Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov](mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov)>; Pumphrey, William <[pumphrey.william@epa.gov](mailto:pumphrey.william@epa.gov)>; Keesee, Peyton <[keesee.peyton@epa.gov](mailto:keesee.peyton@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** 96342701-2 CB EPA R3 \$325,000.00 8/1/2017 Bay Journal Media Inc Production of Bay Journal and related products

**Importance:** High

Greetings,

Please see the message below from John Konkus concerning the referenced grant. This grant **cannot move forward** until this questions have been addressed I would recommend a call to him directly at 202-564-2187 to discuss. This grant is on the amendment page of the report that went to Cathy last Monday (7/31). Thanks and please let me know if you have any questions.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 08, 2017 9:51 AM  
**To:** Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>; Shimmin, Kaitlyn  
<shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Need more info  
**Importance:** High

Denise: I need more info on this grant before we move it any further please:

John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

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<mime-attachment>

**To:** Kelly, Albert[kelly.albert@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Wed 8/16/2017 1:44:44 PM  
**Subject:** RE: RE:

Yes. That would be very helpful. If you see a pending grant flag it for me so we can be consistent with how we approve all grants. In all likelihood, by the time you see it, it's already been approved. But we have found some instances where grants were being written and funded without approval, e.g. doing it the old way, not the Ryan way.

**From:** Kelly, Albert  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 16, 2017 9:39 AM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: RE:

Not to be dense but do you just want to know if I come across pending grants in my shop? If so, I know a TAG grant is imminent in East Chicago out of Region 5

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 16, 2017, at 8:35 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Ryan is looking for our team to reinforce with the programs that all solicitations need be reviewed, edited if necessary and signed off by our office before moving forward. The Office of Grants and Debarment has also directed programs to follow this protocol. With all of us on the lookout for these grant solicitations in our respective portfolios, we'll ensure 100% compliance.

**From:** Kelly, Albert  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2017 7:31 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd:

Can you advise what is requested of me here and what I need to do to be responsive?

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Jackson, Ryan" <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>

**Date:** August 15, 2017 at 1:09:56 PM CDT

**To:** "Mandy\_Gunasekara@epw.senate.gov" <Mandy\_Gunasekara@epw.senate.gov>, "Greenwalt, Sarah" <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>, "Forsgren, Lee" <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>, "Beck, Nancy" <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>, "Kelly, Albert" <kelly.albert@epa.gov>, "Davis, Patrick" <davis.patrick@epa.gov>, "Darwin, Veronica" <darwin.veronica@epa.gov>, "Yamada, Richard (Yujiro)" <yamada.richard@epa.gov>, "Traylor, Patrick" <traylor.patrick@epa.gov>, "Baptist, Erik" <baptist.erik@epa.gov>, "Flynn, Mike" <Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>, "Vizian, Donna" <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>, "Bowman, Liz" <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>

I could use your help with grant solicitations your program offices and the regions are working up to place in [grants.gov](http://grants.gov)

These need to be reviewed by OPA (John Konkus) before they go live.

Will you instruct your program office and the regions to provide you with a list and description of the grant solicitations they are working up?

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Chief of Staff  
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OGD\_Grant\_Reports[OGD\_Grant\_Reports@epa.gov]; Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Neal, Kerry[neal.kerry@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Thur 12/7/2017 2:31:06 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Weekly Pending Report - Non Profits & Universities

This is good to go.

**From:** Sylvester, Kenneth  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 7, 2017 8:30 AM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; OGD\_Grant\_Reports  
<OGD\_Grant\_Reports@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Weekly Pending Report - Non Profits & Universities

Hi John,

Did you have any other questions about the incremental amendment shown below? Please let me know how you would like to proceed. I haven't notified the program office of any potential hold yet.

Thanks,

Ken

202-564-1902

**From:** Sylvester, Kenneth  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 05, 2017 1:45 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; OGD\_Grant\_Reports  
<OGD\_Grant\_Reports@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Weekly Pending Report - Non Profits & Universities

At first glance, it appears to be just a monetary increase (incremental amendment) of \$170,000 dollars for previously approved work.

As of today, the is 100% EPA funded and we have obligated \$1,538,492 of the projected total of \$2,675,000.

Regarding project time, the start date occurred on 11/1/2014 and is projected to end on 10/31/2019.

Let me know if require additional information or if you want us to hold it so I can notify the Program and Grants contacts.

Ken

**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 05, 2017 1:22 PM  
**To:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>; Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>; Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Weekly Pending Report - Non Profits & Universities

Can someone please confirm what the “amendment” is for this one?

12/1/2017 3:57 PM	Office of Studies- Chemical Investigations- Safety Demonstrations- and Educational Outreach Prevention Projects (X8)	Washington State University of Higher Learning	11/1/2014 12:09 PM	Pesticide Regulatory Education Program	Washington State University will establish The PREP Campus to develop or enhance state, tribe, and U.S. territory pesticide manager?s and senior staff?s (Regulatory Community) ability to formulate and implement regulatory programs, assure
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compliance/enforcement, and undertake initiatives to protect human health and the environment. The expected outcomes for this program include enhanced capabilities through an increase of knowledge and networking with other participants and to implement quality regulatory programs leading to better protection of human health and the environment.

Thank you.

**From:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 5, 2017 10:07 AM

**To:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>; Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>; Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>; Neal, Kerry <[neal.kerry@epa.gov](mailto:neal.kerry@epa.gov)>; Etheredge, William <[Etheredge.William@epa.gov](mailto:Etheredge.William@epa.gov)>; Jones, Laurice <[Jones.Laurice@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Laurice@epa.gov)>; Durand, Jessica <[Durand.Jessica@epa.gov](mailto:Durand.Jessica@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Weekly Pending Report - Non Profits & Universities

Good morning John,

Attached for your review is this week's pending grant report for non-profits and universities. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Michael D. Williams

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**To:** Moore, Deon[Moore.Deon@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Mon 8/28/2017 1:57:26 PM  
**Subject:** RE: R6 OCSPP Grant Still Under Review

Yes I think Denise is the best person to answer that question.

**From:** Moore, Deon  
**Sent:** Monday, August 28, 2017 9:52 AM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: R6 OCSPP Grant Still Under Review

Thank you for the prompt response John. Is there anyone who can explain OCSPP's involvement with this grant? Is it a R6 grant with OCSPP's assistance, OCSPP's grant with R6 assistance, or shared equally by both? My mngt is curious. Is this a Denise Polk question? Thanks John.

*Deon L. Moore*

*Program Analyst, Resource Management Staff*

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**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Monday, August 28, 2017 9:48 AM  
**To:** Moore, Deon <Moore.Deon@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: R6 OCSPP Grant Still Under Review

Dean: According to the email below, the region has made the appropriate change so that this grant can move forward.

Thank you for following up.

John

**From:** Polk, Denise  
**Sent:** Friday, August 25, 2017 3:23 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: R6 OCSPP Grant Still Under Review

Greetings, John,

Please see the information I revived from R6. The will change the project description for the grant action below to read as follows:

**ICAST proposes to fund a demonstration project with an innovative approach for the environmentally sustainable rehabilitation of existing multifamily affordable housing properties to make them super-efficient and help improve air quality. The project includes energy efficient and water conservation upgrades as well as resident engagement programs that teach the tenants how they can impact efficient use of resources to ensure optimal performance of the buildings.**

Please let me know if you need additional information or let me know if this action can move forward. Thanks!

Denise A. Polk, Director

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**From:** Polk, Denise

**Sent:** Thursday, August 24, 2017 7:29 PM

**To:** McDonald, James <[McDonald.James@epa.gov](mailto:McDonald.James@epa.gov)>; Miller, Donna <[miller.donna@epa.gov](mailto:miller.donna@epa.gov)>;  
OGD\_Grant\_Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>; Schulz, Amanda  
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<[Berkley.Bruce@epa.gov](mailto:Berkley.Bruce@epa.gov)>; Morales, Oscar <[Morales.Oscar@epa.gov](mailto:Morales.Oscar@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>; Neal, Kerry <[neal.kerry@epa.gov](mailto:neal.kerry@epa.gov)>;  
Jones, Laurice <[jones.laurice@epa.gov](mailto:jones.laurice@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** R6 OCSPP Grant Still Under Review

**Importance:** High

Greetings,

The following R6 grant action is still under review and cannot move forward until further notice. John Konkus is requesting a meeting with the program office. Please contact him directly at 202-564-2187. I would also recommend a review and slight revision of the project summary.

Thanks in advance for your patience and understanding. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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**To:** Brennan, Thomas[Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Fri 10/20/2017 7:02:53 PM  
**Subject:** RE: original work plan narrative

Thanks.

**From:** Brennan, Thomas  
**Sent:** Friday, October 20, 2017 3:00 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** original work plan narrative

John,

As per our discussion, here is the original work plan narrative done by the North American Association of Environmental Education. Please look specifically at goal 1 where the original work plan called for community education on climate change issues – please keep in mind this was developed ahead of the election of 2016. When the Trump Administration arrived, and the their goals clarified, we worked to remove climate change components from this on-going grant. You will be receiving a more detailed work plan for the FY17 funding once we get it from NAAEE. If you have any further questions, please let me know.

Regards,

Tom

**To:** Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Tue 8/8/2017 5:31:23 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Pending Grant Report for Non-Profits and Universities

Under the New Actions tab:

Number 52 I rescinded last week. Please ensure it doesn't move forward.

Under the Amendments tab:

Numbers 23, 32, 33 don't move it forward please.

Thank you.

**From:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports  
**Sent:** Monday, August 7, 2017 10:24 AM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Durand, Jessica <Durand.Jessica@epa.gov>; OGD\_Grant\_Reports <OGD\_Grant\_Reports@epa.gov>; Etheredge, William <Etheredge.William@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Pending Grant Report for Non-Profits and Universities

Good morning John,

Attached for your review is the pending grant report for non-profits and universities. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Amanda Schulz  
National Policy, Training, and Compliance Division

Office of Grants and Debarment

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Phone: 202-564-7412

**To:** Moore, Deon[Moore.Deon@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Mon 8/28/2017 1:48:01 PM  
**Subject:** FW: R6 OCSPP Grant Still Under Review

Dean: According to the email below, the region has made the appropriate change so that this grant can move forward.

Thank you for following up.

John

**From:** Polk, Denise  
**Sent:** Friday, August 25, 2017 3:23 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: R6 OCSPP Grant Still Under Review

Greetings, John,

Please see the information I revived from R6. The will change the project description for the grant action below to read as follows:

**ICAST proposes to fund a demonstration project with an innovative approach for the environmentally sustainable rehabilitation of existing multifamily affordable housing properties to make them super-efficient and help improve air quality. The project includes energy efficient and water conservation upgrades as well as resident engagement programs that teach the tenants how they can impact efficient use of resources to ensure optimal performance of the buildings.**

Please let me know if you need additional information or let me know if this action can move forward. Thanks!

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 24, 2017 7:29 PM

**To:** McDonald, James <[McDonald.James@epa.gov](mailto:McDonald.James@epa.gov)>; Miller, Donna <[miller.donna@epa.gov](mailto:miller.donna@epa.gov)>;  
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**To:** White, Lisa[WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV]  
**Cc:** Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Tue 9/5/2017 12:27:05 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Penn State EE Grant

How much money was this award? Thanks.

**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 2, 2017 9:13 AM  
**To:** White, Lisa <WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV>  
**Cc:** Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Penn State EE Grant

What's the status of this one Lisa? Thank you!

John Konkus

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On Jul 19, 2017, at 7:50 AM, White, Lisa <WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV> wrote:

Good Morning John,

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Thanks.lw

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From: Konkus, John  
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 3:30 PM  
To: Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>; White, Lisa <[WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV](mailto:WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV)>  
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To: Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>; White, Lisa <[WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV](mailto:WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV)>  
Subject: FW: Penn State EE Grant

Here is info on the penn state grant ..thanks ng

Nancy Grantham  
Office of Public Affairs  
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202-564-6879 (desk)  
202-253-7056 (mobile)

-----Original Message-----

From: D'Andrea, Michael  
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 9:31 AM  
To: Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>  
Cc: schaffer, joan <[schaffer.joan@epa.gov](mailto:schaffer.joan@epa.gov)>; White, Terri-A <[White.Terri-A@epa.gov](mailto:White.Terri-A@epa.gov)>  
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**To:** Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Thur 9/21/2017 7:21:55 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Puget Sound Funding

Yes. Thank you.

**From:** Polk, Denise  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 3:01 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Puget Sound Funding

Greetings, John, is this one cleared to move forward?

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Email: [Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)

**From:** Polk, Denise  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:41 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Puget Sound Funding

Greetings, John, this is the revised description. Please review and let me know if we can move this action forward. Thanks!

## **WA Department of Ecology**

This project is to lead the work of the Puget Sound Action Agenda's Stormwater Strategic Initiative and administer Puget Sound funds to implement priorities identified in the Action Agenda. Tasks include facilitating the Stormwater Strategic Initiative Team for decision making and adaptive management; coordinating with other state leads, tribes, and the Puget Sound Partnership in developing implementation strategies, and making and managing subawards for near term actions.

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Email: [Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)

**From:** Konkus, John

**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:34 PM

**To:** Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Puget Sound Funding

Ok great. I will approve that one once the description is updated. Thank you.

**From:** Polk, Denise  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:32 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Puget Sound Funding

Please see the highlighted award. It's near the bottom of the chart. Thanks!

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**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Puget Sound Funding

Yes, let me try to highlight for you! Give me a minute!

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**To:** Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Puget Sound Funding

Is the grant that is not yet approved, on this excel list?

**From:** Polk, Denise  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:26 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Puget Sound Funding

Greetings, John,

Attached is a table of FY17 funding for Puget Sound grants. Only one grant award has not been approved, which is an incremental award to **WA Department of Ecology**. All others have been awarded. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks for your patience!

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**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Tue 9/5/2017 12:09:37 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Penn State EE Grant

Okay. Let's find all of that out, but I need flag this and hold it. Sorry. Thank you.

**From:** Polk, Denise  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 5, 2017 8:09 AM  
**To:** White, Lisa <WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Penn State EE Grant

Greetings, John,

Although funds may not have been drawn down yet, the grantee may have already incurred costs, but did not seek reimbursement to date, which is not unusual. Just FYI.

Thanks, Lisa.

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On Sep 5, 2017, at 8:03 AM, White, Lisa <WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV> wrote:

Good Morning,

No funds have been drawn down to date. thanks.lw

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**From:** Konkus, John

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 05, 2017 8:01 AM

**To:** Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** White, Lisa <[WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV](mailto:WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV)>; Sylvester, Kenneth  
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**Subject:** RE: Penn State EE Grant

What about the funds? Have they been drawn down yet?

**From:** Polk, Denise

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 5, 2017 8:01 AM

**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>

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**Subject:** Re: Penn State EE Grant

Greetings, John,

This new grant was awarded on August 7th and mailed on August 14th. Please let me know if you need anything else.

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On Sep 5, 2017, at 7:59 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks Denise.

**From:** Polk, Denise  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 5, 2017 7:56 AM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
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I will get back to you shortly. Thanks!

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Yes. Regardless of approval or not, I need to find out where it is in the process.  
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On Sep 5, 2017, at 7:39 AM, Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)> wrote:

Good morning Lisa and Denise. Can one of you please find out the status of

this grant (in detail please) for me by 9:30am? Thank you very much!

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**To:** Binder, Bruce[Binder.Bruce@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]; January, Elizabeth[January.Elizabeth@epa.gov]; Swan-Townsend, Val[Swan-Townsend.Val@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Fri 8/18/2017 12:41:02 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Protocol for Reviewing Competitive Solicitations

It is my goal that, eventually, all the grants on the monthly report have already had our input at solicitation drafting. Until all of the grants on that report meet that test, we will need to continue reports for my review.

Like I said in the larger meeting a few weeks back, my job is basically to eliminate the need for my job by ensuring all grants have our review and edits at the very front end, which means they won't need additional review from me beyond that.

We're not there yet though, but making great progress thanks to you all!

**From:** Binder, Bruce  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2017 8:35 AM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; January, Elizabeth <January.Elizabeth@epa.gov>; Swan-Townsend, Val <Swan-Townsend.Val@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Protocol for Reviewing Competitive Solicitations

Thanks John. Just wanted to make sure because you may approve something per new process and then it later goes on monthly competition report and I just wanted to make sure it didn't need another approval since you already approved. As we discussed the new review process essentially renders unnecessary the monthly comp report. Up to you if you want us to continue that. Thanks

Bruce S. Binder

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On Aug 18, 2017, at 8:30 AM, Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)> wrote:

Exactly Bruce.

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**Subject:** Fwd: Draft Protocol for Reviewing Competitive Solicitations

John. Just to clarify. Once your office approves a solicitation per the new review protocol then I presume it is ok to be posted on grantsgov after my office and ogc/orc review it as long as any comments we make don't affect yours. Thanks.

Bruce S. Binder

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Polk, Denise" <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>

**Date:** August 15, 2017 at 4:35:53 PM EDT

**To:** "Konkus, John" <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>

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"Brantley, Lakeya" <[brantley.lakeya@epa.gov](mailto:brantley.lakeya@epa.gov)>, "Talbert-Duarte, Angelia" <[talbert-duarte.angelia@epa.gov](mailto:talbert-duarte.angelia@epa.gov)>, "Osborne, Howard" <[Osborne.Howard@epa.gov](mailto:Osborne.Howard@epa.gov)>,

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**Subject: Draft Protocol for Reviewing Competitive Solicitations**

Greetings, John,

Attached for your review is the draft protocol for addressing the strategic plan issues in competitive solicitations. OGD worked with OCFO and OGC on this. Please review and if it is acceptable to you let me know and OGD will send it out to the grants community. Bruce will also schedule a call with the grants community to discuss this and the new OPA review protocol after your approval of this new process.

Thanks and let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Denise A. Polk, Director

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**To:** Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Tue 8/22/2017 4:47:45 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

Thank you.

**From:** Polk, Denise  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2017 12:46 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

Thanks, John, I will notify the appropriate individuals this afternoon.

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**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2017 12:44 PM  
**To:** Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

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Keep all the others on hold pending further review.

Thank you.

**From:** Polk, Denise

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2017 10:33 AM

**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

Greetings, John,

I reached R9 and another one was approved to move forward so this report deletes that grant and adds the R3 grant you notified me about this morning. Thanks!

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**From:** Konkus, John

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2017 10:20 AM

**To:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>; Polk, Denise  
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**Subject:** RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

This one should not move forward please:

96347001-1	CD	EPA R3	\$178,090.00	8/21/2017	VA Institute of Marine Science	VIMS-WPDG FY16-17 Vulnerability to Climate Change
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**From:** OGD Grant Reports

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2017 10:02 AM

**To:** OGD Grant Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Vizian, Donna <[Vizian.Donna@epa.gov](mailto:Vizian.Donna@epa.gov)>; Showman, John <[Showman.John@epa.gov](mailto:Showman.John@epa.gov)>; Cooper, Marian <[Cooper.Marian@epa.gov](mailto:Cooper.Marian@epa.gov)>; Bell, Matthew <[Bell.Matthew@epa.gov](mailto:Bell.Matthew@epa.gov)>; Flynn, Mike <[Flynn.Mike@epa.gov](mailto:Flynn.Mike@epa.gov)>; Milazzo, Julie <[Milazzo.Julie@epa.gov](mailto:Milazzo.Julie@epa.gov)>; Etheredge, William <[Etheredge.William@epa.gov](mailto:Etheredge.William@epa.gov)>; Neal, Kerry <[neal.kerry@epa.gov](mailto:neal.kerry@epa.gov)>; Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>; Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>; Durand, Jessica <[Durand.Jessica@epa.gov](mailto:Durand.Jessica@epa.gov)>

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Jessica Durand

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**To:** Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Tue 8/22/2017 4:44:11 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

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**To:** Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Thur 9/21/2017 5:34:09 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Puget Sound Funding

Ok great. I will approve that one once the description is updated. Thank you.

**From:** Polk, Denise  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:32 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Puget Sound Funding

Please see the highlighted award. It's near the bottom of the chart. Thanks!

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**From:** Polk, Denise  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:30 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Puget Sound Funding

Yes, let me try to highlight for you! Give me a minute!

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**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:29 PM  
**To:** Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Puget Sound Funding

Is the grant that is not yet approved, on this excel list?

**From:** Polk, Denise  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:26 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Puget Sound Funding

Greetings, John,

Attached is a table of FY17 funding for Puget Sound grants. Only one grant award has not been approved, which is an incremental award to **WA Department of Ecology**. All others have been awarded. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks for your patience!

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**To:** Sylvester, Kenneth[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]; Neal, Kerry[neal.kerry@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Fri 10/20/2017 2:15:05 PM  
**Subject:** RE: OA Grant Still Under Review

Before we have a conversation I need to read the details please. Thank you.

**From:** Sylvester, Kenneth  
**Sent:** Friday, October 20, 2017 10:11 AM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: OA Grant Still Under Review

Hi John,

I will contact the responsible parties in OA and inform them to send you the workplan and reach out to you as well in order to start a conversation about this particular project.

**Ken Sylvester**

Special Assistant to the Office Director

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**Grant Resources:**

(External Agency Customers): <https://www.epa.gov/grants>

(Internal Agency Customers): <http://intranet.epa.gov/ogd/>

**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Friday, October 20, 2017 9:48 AM  
**To:** Neal, Kerry <[neal.kerry@epa.gov](mailto:neal.kerry@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>; Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: OA Grant Still Under Review

Kerry can you help get me the work plan and other details on this grant today if possible please?

**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Friday, October 20, 2017 9:31 AM  
**To:** Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: OA Grant Still Under Review

I'm going to need EVERYTHING on the ee360 Leadership and Training Collaborative grant please: details. Thank you!

**From:** Polk, Denise  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 18, 2017 1:08 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** OA Grant Still Under Review

Greetings, John,

The revised project description language has been changed and now stated the following:

**Project ee306 will train a cadre of culturally diverse education professionals to deliver environmental education (EE) in formal and non-formal settings and strengthens the EE field so that these efforts are sustained in the future. Activities include improving the practice of 4M+ formal and non-formal educators, updating and/or creating EE Guidelines for Excellence; and training Community Change Fellows who will implement action plans.**

**Additionally, provided below is information on the two Environmental Education Programs.**

#### **The Section 6 Environmental Education Grant Program**

Under the Environmental Education Grants Program, EPA seeks grant proposals from eligible applicants to support environmental education projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. This grant program provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques and all grantees are required to provide a 25% match. Any local education agency, college or university, state education agency or environmental agency or nonprofit organization may apply for an EE grant. Historically, a Request for Proposals (RFP) is posted each year for this program.

#### **The Section 5 National Environmental Education Training Program**

EPA supports environmental education (EE) and training for teachers and other education professionals through the National Environmental Education and Training Program (NEETP), informally known as the Office of Environmental Education's teacher training program. The purpose of this program is to provide EE training and long-term support to formal and non-formal education professionals across the United States, bolstering their ability effectively teach about environmental issues. OEE operates this program as a 5-year Cooperative Agreement. Every 5 years, a Request for Proposals is posted for this program. Only institutions of higher education and nonprofit organizations (or a consortia of such) are eligible to apply and a 25%

match is required from the awardee. The current program is called ee360 as is managed by the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE).

Let me know if you have any other questions or need clarification. Please let me know if this grant can now move forward. Thanks!

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**Subject:** RE: Weekly Pending Report - Non Profits & Universities

Thank you Denise.

**From:** Polk, Denise

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2017 10:21 AM

**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>; OGD\_Grant\_Reports  
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I will take care of it! Thanks!

Denise A. Polk, Director

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I need more information on this one...we already have EE grants and this looks like one that is outside the normal EE grant program that I am familiar with:

10/10/2017 10:05:56 AM	Environmental North American for Profit for Environmental Ed	Not 9/1/2016 10:20:56 AM	Leadership and Training Collaborative	Project ee306 will train a cadre of culturally diverse education professionals to deliver environmental education (EE) in formal and non-formal settings and strengthens the EE field so that these efforts are sustained in the future. Activities include improving the practice of 4M+ formal and non-
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formal educators, updating and/or creating EE Guidelines for Excellence; and training Community Change Fellows who will implement action plans that will demonstrate how individuals and communities can respond to climate change.

The rest are good to go.

Thank you.

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Subject: Weekly Pending Report - Non Profits & Universities

Good Morning,

Attached for your review is the pending grant report for non-profits and universities. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Amanda Schulz

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**Cc:** VanHaagen, Paula[vanhaagen.paula@epa.gov]; Neal, Kerry[neal.kerry@epa.gov]; Sylvester, Kenneth[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Thur 8/17/2017 9:48:36 PM  
**Subject:** Re: R10 Action Grant Still Under Review - revised language

Yes

John Konkus

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On Aug 17, 2017, at 5:45 PM, Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov> wrote:

John can this action move forward??

Denise A. Polk, Director

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**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2017 5:42 PM  
**To:** VanHaagen, Paula <[vanhaagen.paula@epa.gov](mailto:vanhaagen.paula@epa.gov)>



**Cc:** Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: R10 Action Grant Still Under Review - revised language

Thank you Paula!

**From:** VanHaagen, Paula  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2017 5:41 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: R10 Action Grant Still Under Review - revised language

Thanks for your quick review!

Paula

206-553-6977

**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2017 2:39 PM  
**To:** VanHaagen, Paula <vanhaagen.paula@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: R10 Action Grant Still Under Review - revised language

Looks great. Thank you!

**From:** VanHaagen, Paula  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2017 5:38 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Sylvester,

Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: R10 Action Grant Still Under Review - revised language

Hi, John,

Below is the revised language in IGMS.

Paula

206-553-6977

**From:** VanHaagen, Paula

**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2017 2:24 PM

**To:** Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>; Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>; Neal, Kerry <[neal.kerry@epa.gov](mailto:neal.kerry@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: R10 Action Grant Still Under Review - revised language

CFDA:66.926 - Indian Environmental General Assistance Program

Media:Multi-Media

Project Title: Sitka Tribe of Alaska GAP

**Description:** Preserve quality of life and environment through the following: building tribal administrative capacity; continued collection of baseline water quality data; build tribal understanding of ocean acidification, begin developing a sea food consumption rate data collection protocol; remove solid waste/marine debris from coastal traditional use areas.

**Explan. of Changes:** This amendment changes the agreement as follows: Adds \$29,960 in incremental funding for the approved unmet needs request (solid waste) and updates terms and conditions. Note condition #4: You may not draw down funds for indirect costs if you do not have a current indirect cost agreement.

I left a vm for John Konkus about 5 minutes ago, saying that I saw problematic language in the Project Description and that we were working on revising it. I left my phone number.

Wil has revised the project description. Please see above.

Paula

206-553-6977

**From:** Polk, Denise

**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2017 1:26 PM

**To:** Lindsay, Nancy <[Lindsay.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Lindsay.Nancy@epa.gov)>; VanHaagen, Paula <[vanhaagen.paula@epa.gov](mailto:vanhaagen.paula@epa.gov)>; Cunningham, Dennis <[Cunningham.Dennis@epa.gov](mailto:Cunningham.Dennis@epa.gov)>; Nishida, Jane <[Nishida.Jane@epa.gov](mailto:Nishida.Jane@epa.gov)>; OGD\_Grant\_Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>; Schulz, Amanda <[schulz.amanda@epa.gov](mailto:schulz.amanda@epa.gov)>; Durand, Jessica <[Durand.Jessica@epa.gov](mailto:Durand.Jessica@epa.gov)>; Weckesser, Mike <[Weckesser.Mike@epa.gov](mailto:Weckesser.Mike@epa.gov)>; Wright, Felicia <[Wright.Felicia@epa.gov](mailto:Wright.Felicia@epa.gov)>; Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>; Jones, Laurice <[Jones.Laurice@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Laurice@epa.gov)>; Neal, Kerry <[neal.kerry@epa.gov](mailto:neal.kerry@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** R10 Action Grant Still Under Review

**Importance:** High

Greetings,

The following R10 grant action is still under review and cannot move forward until further notice. This action was listed on today's Congressional Notification Report. I would recommend that R10 contact John Konkus via telephone at 202-564-2187 to discuss. Thanks in advance for your patience and understanding. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

8/16/2017	Amendment 2	01J13704	R10	GA	Sitka Tribe of Alaska	Indian Tribe	10/1/2018	3/30/2018	\$29,960	Sitka Tribe of Alaska GAP	Preserve quality of life and environment and work toward understanding and adapting to climate change through the following: building tribal administrative capacity; continued collection of baseline water quality data; build tribal understanding of ocean acidification, begin developing a sea food consumption rate data
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collection protocol; remove  
solid waste/marine debris  
from coastal traditional use  
areas.

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**To:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports[OGD\_Grant\_Reports@epa.gov]; Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Tue 8/22/2017 2:20:01 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

This one should not move forward please:

96347001-1	CD	EPA R3	\$178,090.00	8/21/2017	VA Institute of Marine Science	VIMS-WPDG FY16-17 Vulnerability to Climate Change
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**From:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2017 10:02 AM  
**To:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports <OGD\_Grant\_Reports@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>; Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov>; Cooper, Marian <Cooper.Marian@epa.gov>; Bell, Matthew <Bell.Matthew@epa.gov>; Flynn, Mike <Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>; Milazzo, Julie <Milazzo.Julie@epa.gov>; Etheredge, William <Etheredge.William@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Durand, Jessica <Durand.Jessica@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

EPA Colleagues,

**Attached is the report for 8/21/17.**

You are receiving this email because the Chief of Staff has requested that you be included on

this daily report. The purpose of the attached report is to show monetary grant awards that were signed by EPA Award Officials the previous business day. When the award is signed, a Congressional Notification is automatically triggered within the Integrated Grants Management System (IGMS) database. The source of the information contained in the CN report is Grants Data Mart, which reflects information input into IGMS by Grants Management staff across the agency.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to [OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov) with any questions related to this submission.

Jessica Durand

Policy Specialist

US Environmental Protection Agency

202-564-5317

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**To:** White, Lisa[WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV]  
**Cc:** Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Tue 9/5/2017 11:39:21 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Penn State EE Grant

Good morning Lisa and Denise. Can one of you please find out the status of this grant (in detail please) for me by 9:30am? Thank you very much!

**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 2, 2017 9:13 AM  
**To:** White, Lisa <WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV>  
**Cc:** Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Penn State EE Grant

What's the status of this one Lisa? Thank you!

John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

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On Jul 19, 2017, at 7:50 AM, White, Lisa <WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV> wrote:

Good Morning John,

I will not award this grant and will send it back to the program office for them to notify PSU since the project was ranked and selected competitively.

Have you had a chance to review the work plan narrative I sent you yesterday for the construction grant to DC DOEE? If so, do you have any questions regarding that project or can the grant move forward?

Thanks.lw

Lisa White, Acting Chief  
Grants and Audit Management Branch (3PM70)  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Konkus, John  
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 3:30 PM  
To: Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>; White, Lisa  
<[WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV](mailto:WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV)>  
Subject: RE: Penn State EE Grant

According to this proposal, the NSF has stopped funding this program and because of that EPA should fund this grant. I don't think that is appropriate nor our place at this time, therefore this grant should not move forward.

-----Original Message-----

From: Grantham, Nancy  
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 3:23 PM  
To: Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>; White, Lisa <[WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV](mailto:WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV)>  
Subject: FW: Penn State EE Grant

Here is info on the penn state grant ..thanks ng

Nancy Grantham  
Office of Public Affairs  
US Environmental Protection Agency  
202-564-6879 (desk)  
202-253-7056 (mobile)

-----Original Message-----

From: D'Andrea, Michael  
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 9:31 AM  
To: Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>  
Cc: schaffer, joan <[schaffer.joan@epa.gov](mailto:schaffer.joan@epa.gov)>; White, Terri-A <[White.Terri-A@epa.gov](mailto:White.Terri-A@epa.gov)>  
Subject: Penn State EE Grant

As discussed, here's project summary for the EE grant John identified for a PR.  
Attachment has the full narrative, but I think this sums it up:

1.3 Goals and Objectives. The overall goal of MELI is to increase environmental stewardship in PA by examining the environmental effects through time of oil and gas wells. We will accomplish this goal by focusing on measurement of methane in the state's streams in combination with teaching communities to assess the presence of legacy wells and their environmental effects on water quality.



**To:** Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Tue 8/22/2017 2:16:28 PM  
**Subject:** RE: R9 grant info

Also, I don't see the region 5 bed bugs grant on here. That was also rescinded.

**From:** Polk, Denise  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2017 10:14 AM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: R9 grant info

Thanks, John, I do not believe I received the message. R9 is one of the grant offices I could not reach yet. I will delete and resend a new list shortly. Thanks!

Denise A. Polk, Director

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Email: [Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)

**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2017 10:12 AM  
**To:** Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: R9 grant info

This is #12 on the unresolved grants list. As you can see below, it's resolved.

**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 9, 2017 5:06 PM  
**To:** Zito, Kelly <[ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV](mailto:ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV)>  
**Cc:** Wills, Craig <[wills.craig@epa.gov](mailto:wills.craig@epa.gov)>; Drake, Kerry <[Drake.Kerry@epa.gov](mailto:Drake.Kerry@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: R9 grant info

Looks good to me. Thank you.

**From:** Zito, Kelly  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 9, 2017 5:05 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Wills, Craig <[wills.craig@epa.gov](mailto:wills.craig@epa.gov)>; Drake, Kerry <[Drake.Kerry@epa.gov](mailto:Drake.Kerry@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** R9 grant info

Hi John – Please see the revised grant description below.

Please let us know if you have any more questions.

Thanks-

Kelly

7/19/2017	2017-2018	Reagan	Air Pollution	P	HI Dept	State	10/12/2015	2015-2018	2018	Air Pollution	The purpose of this
Award	9	Control	Program	Support (A)	of Health					Control Program (CAA	program is to provide
										105)	continuing support for
											activities which include
											strategic planning and
											evaluation, compliance
											assistance, developing
											state implementation plans,
											monitoring air and
											emissions, rulemaking,
											operating permits and all
											other program related
											activities. This program
											will protect and improve the
											air quality in Hawaii and

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**Kelly Zito**

Director of Public Affairs

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**To:** Wilbur, Jennifer[Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov]; Bilal, Kari[Bilal.Kari@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Binder, Bruce[Binder.Bruce@epa.gov]; Miles, Nicole[Miles.Nicole@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Mon 9/18/2017 1:57:24 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

I want it out too, but have some questions first to make sure it's as useful a grant solicitation as possible. I'm here all day.

**From:** Wilbur, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 9:55 AM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Bilal, Kari <Bilal.Kari@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>; Miles, Nicole <Miles.Nicole@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

John,

If we could discuss today that would be most helpful. It is important that this be released as soon as possible. In addition, it is important for this program that it remain as neutral as possible from both a competition and policy standpoint.

Jennifer

Jennifer M. Wilbur

Senior Budget Officer and Director, Acquisition and Resources Management Staff

Office of Program Management

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**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 9:48 AM  
**To:** Bilal, Kari <[Bilal.Kari@epa.gov](mailto:Bilal.Kari@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Binder, Bruce <[Binder.Bruce@epa.gov](mailto:Binder.Bruce@epa.gov)>; Miles, Nicole <[Miles.Nicole@epa.gov](mailto:Miles.Nicole@epa.gov)>; Wilbur, Jennifer <[Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov](mailto:Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

Circling back on this question below...Maybe we can have a call or meeting on this one today or tomorrow so I can ask more questions.

**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2017 8:29 AM  
**To:** Bilal, Kari <[Bilal.Kari@epa.gov](mailto:Bilal.Kari@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Binder, Bruce <[Binder.Bruce@epa.gov](mailto:Binder.Bruce@epa.gov)>; Miles, Nicole <[Miles.Nicole@epa.gov](mailto:Miles.Nicole@epa.gov)>; Wilbur, Jennifer <[Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov](mailto:Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

Why is it "2013 or later"? Can we be more specific? Thank you!

**From:** Bilal, Kari  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2017 5:05 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Binder, Bruce <[Binder.Bruce@epa.gov](mailto:Binder.Bruce@epa.gov)>; Miles, Nicole <[Miles.Nicole@epa.gov](mailto:Miles.Nicole@epa.gov)>; Wilbur, Jennifer <[Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov](mailto:Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

Hi John,

Per our telcon, I've forwarded your comments on the draft RFP to the PO and herewith share OBLR formal responses.

Specifically:

- 1) The second paragraph in Section I is incomplete.

The second paragraph in Section I was intended to be deleted. Apologies for the oversight.

- 2) Can we target this grant to locations impacted by the recent hurricanes?

Yes, we can add in an "Other factor." In the past, the RFP has included an "other factor" that covered recent natural disasters (those within the last five years). Per your comment, OBLR has re-inserted that "other factor."

Attached is a revised version of the draft EWDJT RFP with OPA's comments incorporated. With these edits, please advise if we may move forward with ARMS/GCA/OGC reviews of the draft.

Thank you!

Kari

202-566-1891

**From:** Konkus, John

**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2017 2:22 PM

**To:** Bilal, Kari <[Bilal.Kari@epa.gov](mailto:Bilal.Kari@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Binder, Bruce <[Binder.Bruce@epa.gov](mailto:Binder.Bruce@epa.gov)>; Miles, Nicole <[Miles.Nicole@epa.gov](mailto:Miles.Nicole@epa.gov)>; Wilbur, Jennifer <[Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov](mailto:Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

Kari: Per our phone conversation, here are my only two comments:

- 1) The second paragraph in Section is incomplete.
- 2) Can we target this grant to locations impacted by the recent hurricanes?

Thank you,

John

**From:** Bilal, Kari

**Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2017 4:49 PM

**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Binder, Bruce <[Binder.Bruce@epa.gov](mailto:Binder.Bruce@epa.gov)>; Miles, Nicole <[Miles.Nicole@epa.gov](mailto:Miles.Nicole@epa.gov)>; Wilbur, Jennifer <[Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov](mailto:Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Public Affairs Review (EPA-OLEM-OBLR-17-10)

John,

The attached draft RFP was received in OLEM/ARMS for review and approval, before public release. In accordance with the “**Protocol for Office of Public Affairs Review of Draft Competitive Grant Solicitations**,” we are submitting the draft for OPA review and comment, prior to further action.

Questions/Comments on the draft may be directed to: Kari Bilal / [bilal.kari@epa.gov](mailto:bilal.kari@epa.gov) / 202-566-1891

Thank you!

Kari L. Bilal | Junior Resource Official  
OLEM/OAA/IO/OPM/ARMS  
202-566-1891

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<http://intranet.epa.gov/olem/grants/index.html>

*For OLEM competitive grant opportunities:*  
<http://www.epa.gov/grants/office-land-and-emergency-management-grants-and-funding>



**To:** Sylvester, Kenneth[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov]; Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Mon 11/6/2017 5:03:48 PM  
**Subject:** RE: HI pesticide grant

Yes please.

**From:** Sylvester, Kenneth  
**Sent:** Monday, November 6, 2017 12:03 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: HI pesticide grant

This grant was awarded directly from Region 9 and HQ does not have full access to the final approved workplan, etc.

We can request that the Region send directly to you in electronic format ASAP if that is OK? If so, I'll copy you on the request to the Regional POCs.

Ken

**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Monday, November 06, 2017 11:49 AM  
**To:** Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: HI pesticide grant

Can I get the full grantee work plan and their original application for this particular award please?

**From:** Sylvester, Kenneth  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2017 4:21 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: HI pesticide grant

Hi John,

I just located the Hawaii grant I believe you were looking for. It was awarded on 9/19/2017 by Region 9. See below.

Program		Applicant		Project Title	Project Description	EPA	
Grant Family	Grant Code	CFDAAAsh	Name Type			Award Date	Record Amount
No	Code					Type	This Action:
							This Action
99T670010	99T670010	66.604R09	Kaua'i Environmental Health Network	Environmental Justice Program - Kauai for Environmental Health Profit Network	The grantee's project will provide opportunities for west Kaua'i residents to learn about the factors that may be impacting the quality of nearshore waters and life, and the important roles of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), in helping the community protect local environmental health, local ecosystems and local natural resources.	9/19/2017	\$30,000.00
					This assistance agreement provides \$30,000 in federal funding and approves preaward costs back to September 1, 2017.		

**From:** Konkus, John

**Sent:** Friday, November 03, 2017 3:32 PM

**To:** Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>; Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** HI pesticide grant

Denise and Ken: I recall seeing a pesticide grant for Hawaii come across recently – last several months. Can you all help me track down the details on it? Someone from Hawaii is asking us about it. Thanks.

John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

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**To:** Edward, James[edward.james@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Binder, Bruce[Binder.Bruce@epa.gov]; White, Lisa[WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV]; Krakowiak, John[Krakowiak.John@epa.gov]; DiPasquale, Nicholas[dipasquale.nicholas@epa.gov]; Esher, Diana[Esher.Diana@epa.gov]; Hindin, Rebecca[Hindin.Rebecca@epa.gov]; Smith, William (Region 3)[smith.william@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Fri 10/13/2017 6:32:44 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Request for OPA Review of Competitive Grant Solicitation for Chesapeake Bay Program Office Fiscal Year 2018 Request for Proposals for Support for the Small Watershed and the Innovative and Nutrient Sediment Reduction Grant Programs

Yes Jim. This one is good to go.

**From:** Edward, James  
**Sent:** Friday, October 13, 2017 2:26 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>; White, Lisa <WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV>; Krakowiak, John <Krakowiak.John@epa.gov>; DiPasquale, Nicholas <dipasquale.nicholas@epa.gov>; Esher, Diana <Esher.Diana@epa.gov>; Hindin, Rebecca <Hindin.Rebecca@epa.gov>; Smith, William (Region 3) <smith.william@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Request for OPA Review of Competitive Grant Solicitation for Chesapeake Bay Program Office Fiscal Year 2018 Request for Proposals for Support for the Small Watershed and the Innovative and Nutrient Sediment Reduction Grant Programs

John: Thanks for a productive call today on this solicitation. Can you please send me a quick email just confirming that you're OK with us moving forward with this grant solicitation from OPA's perspective? We would just like to have that documentation for our grant files...Thanks again Jim

#BayStrong

Jim Edward

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**From:** Edward, James

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 11, 2017 3:54 PM

**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Binder, Bruce <[Binder.Bruce@epa.gov](mailto:Binder.Bruce@epa.gov)>; White, Lisa <[WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV](mailto:WHITE.LISA@EPA.GOV)>; Krakowiak, John <[Krakowiak.John@epa.gov](mailto:Krakowiak.John@epa.gov)>; DiPasquale, Nicholas <[dipasquale.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:dipasquale.nicholas@epa.gov)>; Esher, Diana <[Esher.Diana@epa.gov](mailto:Esher.Diana@epa.gov)>; Hindin, Rebecca <[Hindin.Rebecca@epa.gov](mailto:Hindin.Rebecca@epa.gov)>; Smith, William (Region 3) <[smith.william@epa.gov](mailto:smith.william@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Request for OPA Review of Competitive Grant Solicitation for Chesapeake Bay Program Office Fiscal Year 2018 Request for Proposals for Support for the Small Watershed and the Innovative and Nutrient Sediment Reduction Grant Programs

John:

Pursuant to the attached Protocol, we are requesting your review and approval of the attached Chesapeake Bay Program Office Fiscal Year 2018 Request for Proposals for Support for both the Small Watershed and the Innovative and Nutrient Sediment Reduction Grant Programs. Please contact me or Rebecca Hindin if you have any questions or comments....Thanks Jim

#BayStrong

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**From:** Polk, Denise

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 08, 2017 5:56 PM

**To:** OCFO-SROs <[OCFO\\_SROs@epa.gov](mailto:OCFO_SROs@epa.gov)>; DAA-Career <[DAACareer@epa.gov](mailto:DAACareer@epa.gov)>; Grants JROs <[Grants\\_JROs@epa.gov](mailto:Grants_JROs@epa.gov)>; Grants GMOs <[Grants\\_GMOs@epa.gov](mailto:Grants_GMOs@epa.gov)>; OGD\_Grant\_Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>; Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>; Milbourn, Cathy <[Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov](mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** OPA Review for Competitive Solicitations

Greetings,

The Office of the Administrator has requested an opportunity to review competitive solicitations prior to posting on [Grants.gov](https://www.epa.gov/grants). Effective immediately, Headquarters and Regional program offices are to provide the Office of Public Affairs (OPA) a draft copy of any competitive solicitation that they plan to issue prior to forwarding it to the Grants Competition Advocate's Office for review in Next Generation Grants System (NGGS).

The draft solicitations are to be sent via email to Mr. John Konkus, Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs, along with a designated point of contact for any questions OPA may have about the solicitation. Additionally, please copy Bruce Binder on all communications between John Konkus and the program offices.

Once the program office receives approval from OPA to proceed with the solicitation, they must then forward it to the GCA's office via NGGS for GCA and OGC/ORC review as appropriate. Please note that when the program offices forward it for GCA review in NGGS, they must indicate that it has been reviewed and approved by OPA for issuance, and also provide to the GCA a copy of any OPA comments on the solicitation.

If the GCA's office or OGC/ORC have substantive comments on the solicitation, they

will work with the program office and OPA to reconcile them. In addition, program offices cannot engage in any manner with non-EPA parties regarding the solicitation, or its contents, (e.g. asking for comments on draft solicitations or suggestions for program priorities) prior to OPA approval of the solicitation.

If you have any questions, call Bruce Binder, Liz January, or Val Swan-Townsend of the GCA's office. For further details concerning implementation of this new review process, please see the attached protocol, which will soon be issued as an Interim Policy Notice.

Thanks for your assistance and cooperation.

Denise A. Polk, Director

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**To:** Binder, Bruce[Binder.Bruce@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Wed 11/1/2017 3:36:39 PM  
**Subject:** RE: REMINDER - OPA REVIEW REQUEST - 2018 Environmental Justice Grant Solicitation

Yes. Looking at these, most are doing a great job already.

**From:** Binder, Bruce  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 1, 2017 11:36 AM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Burney, Jacob <Burney.Jacob@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Swan-Townsend, Val <Swan-Townsend.Val@epa.gov>; January, Elizabeth <January.Elizabeth@epa.gov>; Brantley, Lakeya <brantley.lakeya@epa.gov>; Lewis, Sheila <Lewis.Sheila@epa.gov>; Tejada, Matthew <Tejada.Matthew@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: REMINDER - OPA REVIEW REQUEST - 2018 Environmental Justice Grant Solicitation

Will do once we receive it. I think offices as long as they are following the language we sent out are doing it right and referring to current priorities.

**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 01, 2017 11:31 AM  
**To:** Burney, Jacob <Burney.Jacob@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>; Swan-Townsend, Val <Swan-Townsend.Val@epa.gov>; January, Elizabeth <January.Elizabeth@epa.gov>; Brantley, Lakeya <brantley.lakeya@epa.gov>; Lewis, Sheila <Lewis.Sheila@epa.gov>; Tejada, Matthew <Tejada.Matthew@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: REMINDER - OPA REVIEW REQUEST - 2018 Environmental Justice Grant Solicitation

Jacob: This one is good to go.

Bruce: See how Jacob his team handled the strategic plan in this RFP. This is exactly the right way to do it. Very well done. Let's replicate!



**From:** Burney, Jacob

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 1, 2017 8:39 AM

**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Binder, Bruce <[Binder.Bruce@epa.gov](mailto:Binder.Bruce@epa.gov)>; Swan-Townsend, Val <[Swan-Townsend.Val@epa.gov](mailto:Swan-Townsend.Val@epa.gov)>; January, Elizabeth <[January.Elizabeth@epa.gov](mailto:January.Elizabeth@epa.gov)>; Brantley, Lakeya <[brantley.lakeya@epa.gov](mailto:brantley.lakeya@epa.gov)>; Lewis, Sheila <[Lewis.Sheila@epa.gov](mailto:Lewis.Sheila@epa.gov)>; Tejada, Matthew <[Tejada.Matthew@epa.gov](mailto:Tejada.Matthew@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** REMINDER - OPA REVIEW REQUEST - 2018 Environmental Justice Grant Solicitation

Hello again John,

Just sending a reminder regarding our request for you to review the 2018 EJ Grants RFP. We initially submitted the RFP to you this past Thursday, 10/26 (see email below). I've reattached the document here for your convenience.

Please let me know if you have any questions and/or if we have approval to move the RFP to the GCA/OGC step of the EPA Solicitation Review process.

Much obliged!

Regards,

Jacob

Jacob J. Burney | EJ Grants Program Coordinator | Office of Environmental Justice | [Tel:202.564.2907](tel:202.564.2907) | US EPA  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW (2201A) Washington, DC 20460 |

*For Environmental Justice grant programs, funding opportunities, and assistance information:*

<http://www3.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/grants/>

**From:** Burney, Jacob  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 8:40 AM  
**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Dravis, Samantha <[dravis.samantha@epa.gov](mailto:dravis.samantha@epa.gov)>; Tejada, Matthew <[tejada.matthew@epa.gov](mailto:tejada.matthew@epa.gov)>; Lewis, Sheila <[Lewis.Sheila@epa.gov](mailto:Lewis.Sheila@epa.gov)>; Binder, Bruce <[binder.bruce@epa.gov](mailto:binder.bruce@epa.gov)>; Swan-Townsend, Val <[swan-townsend.val@epa.gov](mailto:swan-townsend.val@epa.gov)>; January, Elizabeth <[January.Elizabeth@epa.gov](mailto:January.Elizabeth@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FOR OPA REVIEW - 2018 Environmental Justice Grant Solicitation

Greetings John,

Please see the attached draft solicitation for the 2018 Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving (EJCPS) grant opportunity from the Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ). We are submitting this solicitation for your review.

Purpose:

The EJCPS program provides funding to support community-based organizations in their efforts to collaborate and partner with local stakeholder groups (e.g., local businesses and industry, local government, medical providers, academia, etc.) as they develop and implement solutions that address environmental and/or public health issues for underserved communities.

For this grant solicitation, our program is emphasizing projects in **rural communities**.

You can reach out to me directly for any questions about the solicitation:

Jacob Burney

[Burney.jacob@epa.gov](mailto:Burney.jacob@epa.gov)

202-564-2907

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

Jacob

Jacob J. Burney | EJ Grants Program Coordinator | Office of Environmental Justice | Tel:202.564.2907 | US EPA  
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**To:** Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Thur 10/19/2017 8:02:07 PM  
**Subject:** RE: OA Grant Still Under Review

No the color is fine. Thanks.

**From:** Polk, Denise  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 19, 2017 4:02 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: OA Grant Still Under Review

Yes, we did, but we highlighted the action in a different color since the Program office pulled it back. Do you want us to reflect as rescinded by you. Please advise.

Denise A. Polk, Director

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**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 19, 2017 4:00 PM  
**To:** Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: OA Grant Still Under Review

Can you put the tribal grant on the rescinded list please?

**From:** Polk, Denise  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 19, 2017 3:58 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: OA Grant Still Under Review

Greetings, John,

We are in the process of cleaning up the pending list we discussed with you earlier. The R9 grant has been removed from the pending list and R9 has been informed that they can proceed. The tribal grant was pulled back from OAR and this grant will not be awarded at this time.

Please let me know if the action below can move forward or do you need additional information.  
Thanks!

Denise A. Polk, Director

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**From:** Polk, Denise  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 18, 2017 1:08 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** OA Grant Still Under Review

Greetings, John,

The revised project description language has been changed and now stated the following:

**Project ee306 will train a cadre of culturally diverse education professionals to deliver environmental education (EE) in formal and non-formal settings and strengthens the EE field so that these efforts are sustained in the future. Activities include improving the practice of 4M+ formal and non-formal educators, updating and/or creating EE Guidelines for Excellence; and training Community Change Fellows who will implement action plans.**

**Additionally, provided below is information on the two Environmental Education Programs.**

### **The Section 6 Environmental Education Grant Program**

Under the Environmental Education Grants Program, EPA seeks grant proposals from eligible applicants to support environmental education projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. This grant program provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques and all grantees are required to provide a 25% match. Any local education agency, college or university, state education agency or environmental agency or nonprofit organization may apply for an EE grant. Historically, a Request for Proposals (RFP) is posted each year for this program.

## **The Section 5 National Environmental Education Training Program**

EPA supports environmental education (EE) and training for teachers and other education professionals through the National Environmental Education and Training Program (NEETP), informally known as the Office of Environmental Education's teacher training program. The purpose of this program is to provide EE training and long-term support to formal and non-formal education professionals across the United States, bolstering their ability effectively teach about environmental issues. OEE operates this program as a 5-year Cooperative Agreement. Every 5 years, a Request for Proposals is posted for this program. Only institutions of higher education and nonprofit organizations (or a consortia of such) are eligible to apply and a 25% match is required from the awardee. The current program is called ee360 as is managed by the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE).

Let me know if you have any other questions or need clarification. Please let me know if this grant can now move forward. Thanks!

Denise A. Polk, Director

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**From:** Konkus, John

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2017 10:30 AM

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**Subject:** RE: Weekly Pending Report - Non Profits & Universities

Thank you Denise.

**From:** Polk, Denise

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2017 10:21 AM

**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>; OGD\_Grant\_Reports  
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**Subject:** RE: Weekly Pending Report - Non Profits & Universities

I will take care of it! Thanks!

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**From:** Konkus, John

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2017 10:03 AM

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**Subject:** FW: Weekly Pending Report - Non Profits & Universities

I need more information on this one...we already have EE grants and this looks like one that is outside the normal EE grant program that I am familiar with:



10/10/2017 10:55:01	Environmental North	Not 9/1/2016/2016-53600	Leadership and	Project ee306 will train a cadre of culturally diverse education professionals to deliver environmental education (EE) in formal and non-formal settings and strengthens the EE field so that these efforts are sustained in the future. Activities include improving the practice of 4M+ formal and non-formal educators, updating and/or creating EE Guidelines for Excellence; and training Community Change Fellows who will implement action plans that will demonstrate how individuals and communities can respond to climate change.
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	Administration	Program for		
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The rest are good to go.

Thank you.

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From: OGD\_Grant\_Reports

Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 8:03 AM

To: OGD\_Grant\_Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>; Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>

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Subject: Weekly Pending Report - Non Profits & Universities

Good Morning,

Attached for your review is the pending grant report for non-profits and universities. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Amanda Schulz

National Policy, Training, and Compliance Division Office of Grants and Debarment U.S.  
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**To:** Bolen, Derrick[bolen.derrick@epa.gov]; Miller, Amy[Miller.Amy@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Beck, Nancy[beck.nancy@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Wed 12/6/2017 2:44:25 PM  
**Subject:** RE: OPA Request for full workplan and application (EPA Grant No. 99T67001-0)

Yes.

**From:** Bolen, Derrick  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 6, 2017 9:29 AM  
**To:** Miller, Amy <Miller.Amy@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: OPA Request for full workplan and application (EPA Grant No. 99T67001-0)

Does 12/12 at 4pm work to have this discussion?

**From:** Beck, Nancy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 6, 2017 7:44 AM  
**To:** Miller, Amy <Miller.Amy@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Bolen, Derrick <bolen.derrick@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: OPA Request for full workplan and application (EPA Grant No. 99T67001-0)

I'm happy to chat to learn abit more about how all the funding works and then what happens if they don't spend their money.

Derrick- can you help find a window on my calendar?

Thanks.

Nancy

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**From:** Miller, Amy

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 5, 2017 5:23 PM

**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>; Beck, Nancy <[Beck.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Beck.Nancy@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: OPA Request for full workplan and application (EPA Grant No. 99T67001-0

Dear John and Nancy:

I am available to discuss after Wednesday.

Regards,

Amy C. Miller

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**From:** Konkus, John

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 5, 2017 6:13 AM

**To:** Drake, Kerry <Drake.Kerry@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports <OGD\_Grant\_Reports@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>; Manzanilla, Enrique <Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov>; Johnson, Kathleen <Johnson.Kathleen@epa.gov>; Kramer, Alexander <Kramer.Alexander@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Miller, Amy <Miller.Amy@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: OPA Request for full workplan and application (EPA Grant No. 99T67001-0)

I am looping in Nancy Beck so OCSPP can be involved. Thank you!

**From:** Drake, Kerry  
**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2017 8:10 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports <OGD\_Grant\_Reports@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>; Manzanilla, Enrique <Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov>; Johnson, Kathleen <Johnson.Kathleen@epa.gov>; Kramer, Alexander <Kramer.Alexander@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Miller, Amy <Miller.Amy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: OPA Request for full workplan and application (EPA Grant No. 99T67001-0)

Hi John,

I am confirming that the applicant has not yet drawn down any funds, and we have confirmed with them that they have not yet produced any outreach materials. I'm copying Amy Miller, Region 9 Chief of Staff, who is familiar with this grant. Amy is a good source of information for any specific questions regarding the grant. Her number is 415-947-4198. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Best,

Kerry J. Drake

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Thank you.

**From:** Drake, Kerry

**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2017 11:44 AM

**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>

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**Subject:** RE: OPA Request for full workplan and application (EPA Grant No. 99T67001-0)

Hi John,

I'll look into this again ASAP.

Best,

Kerry J. Drake

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**Subject:** RE: OPA Request for full workplan and application (EPA Grant No. 99T67001-0)

Kerry: In light of this article: <https://joanconrow.net/2017/12/01/epa-funds-anti-gmo-movement-in-hawaii/> would you mind checking back in with the grantee to see if they've develop and

outreach materials yet?

**From:** Drake, Kerry  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 9, 2017 11:12 AM  
**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>; Jones, Laurice <[Jones.Laurice@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Laurice@epa.gov)>; Neal, Kerry <[neal.kerry@epa.gov](mailto:neal.kerry@epa.gov)>; Zito, Kelly <[ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV](mailto:ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV)>; Manzanilla, Enrique <[Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov](mailto:Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov)>; Johnson, Kathleen <[Johnson.Kathleen@epa.gov](mailto:Johnson.Kathleen@epa.gov)>; Kramer, Alexander <[Kramer.Alexander@epa.gov](mailto:Kramer.Alexander@epa.gov)>; Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>; Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: OPA Request for full workplan and application (EPA Grant No. 99T67001-0)

Hi John,

We heard back from the grantee confirmation that they “have not yet created any outreach materials or social media.” Please see original email below from the grantee.

Please let me know if you’d like for me to set up a call to discuss.

Best,

Kerry J. Drake

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The original email from the grantee:

As we are still in project preparation mode, we have not yet created any outreach materials or social media (The actual EJSG grant funds were only very recently made available for draw down, and so our work on this grant has been delayed by a few months).

The only project information that has been created thusfar for the EJSG grant is the brief project description requested by EPA for the Region 9 EJ Grantee Community Solutions Conference (Oct. 19-20, 2017). I am fairly sure that directory distribution was limited to EJ grantees, presenters, EPA staff and EPA funder colleagues in attendance at that conference. Our project was described as follows:

***Organizational description:***

*Kaua'i Environmental Health Network is a Hawaii not-for-profit community service organization that provides information to the residents of Kaua'i on issues affecting environmental health and safety, and develops community-based opportunities for creating solutions together. KEHN's resources are focused on the region of west Kaua'i as a "fenceline" community that bears disproportionate environmental risks due to its surrounding land and water uses.*

***Project Description:***

*The Kānāwai Community Engagement Project: This project will educate community members on environmental laws and local watershed issues through exchanges with local water experts, Hawaiian cultural practitioners, policymakers and state agency conservationists. A key outcome of the project will be the identification of opportunities for community-based remediation, watershed restoration and policy efforts, and a draft community-driven Plan of Action to address local water quality, environmental and public health issues.*

**From:** Konkus, John

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 8, 2017 7:51 AM

**To:** Kramer, Alexander <[Kramer.Alexander@epa.gov](mailto:Kramer.Alexander@epa.gov)>; Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>; Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>

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Can we see a copy of their “outreach materials” and what are their social media sites for us to look at? Thank you.

**From:** Kramer, Alexander  
**Sent:** Monday, November 6, 2017 2:42 PM  
**To:** Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>; Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>; Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>; Jones, Laurice <[Jones.Laurice@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Laurice@epa.gov)>; Neal, Kerry <[neal.kerry@epa.gov](mailto:neal.kerry@epa.gov)>; Drake, Kerry <[Drake.Kerry@epa.gov](mailto:Drake.Kerry@epa.gov)>; Zito, Kelly <[ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV](mailto:ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV)>  
**Subject:** RE: OPA Request for full workplan and application (EPA Grant No. 99T67001-0)

Good Afternoon Everyone,

Attached is a complete copy of the original requested workplan and application for EPA Grant No 99T67001-0. The second smaller file contains minor revisions to the workplan and additional application supporting documentation.

If you have any questions or need further information, please let me know.

Regards,

Alex

Alexander Kramer

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**From:** Sylvester, Kenneth

**Sent:** Monday, November 6, 2017 9:28 AM

**To:** Drake, Kerry <[Drake.Kerry@epa.gov](mailto:Drake.Kerry@epa.gov)>; Kramer, Alexander <[Kramer.Alexander@epa.gov](mailto:Kramer.Alexander@epa.gov)>; Zito, Kelly <[ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV](mailto:ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV)>

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**Subject:** OPA Request for full workplan and application (EPA Grant No. 99T67001-0

**Importance:** High

Hi Kerry and Alexander,

John Konkus (DAA-Office of Public Affairs) has requested the entire workplan and full application for the below referenced grant that previously awarded on September 19, 2017. Please provide the information at your earliest convenience so it can be reviewed. I've included John on this email, so you can simply "reply to all" via this email with the requested documents.

Program		Applicant		EPA	
Grant	Grant	CFDAAA	Applicant	Award	Record
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					Action

99T67001						The grantee's project will provide opportunities for west Kauai residents to learn about the factors that may be impacting the quality of nearshore waters and life, and the important roles of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), in helping the community protect local environmental health, local ecosystems and local natural resources.
		Kauai Environmental Health Network		Environmental Justice Program - Kauai Not for Profit		
99T67001-0	66.60R09					9/19/2017 \$30,000.C
						This assistance agreement provides \$30,000 in federal funding and approves preaward costs back to September 1, 2017.

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**To:** Bilal, Kari[Bilal.Kari@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Binder, Bruce[Binder.Bruce@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Fri 8/11/2017 1:19:50 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Public Affairs Review (OLEM 17-07, 17-08, 17-09)  
[17-08.docx](#)  
[17-09.docx](#)

Please see attached. Thanks for your diligence!

**From:** Bilal, Kari  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2017 9:10 AM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Public Affairs Review (OLEM 17-07, 17-08, 17-09)

Hi John,

I've done a comparison of the documents returned for edits (17-08 and 17-09) and am unable to determine what edits are required.

Would you please re-send both documents with the required edits highlighted or using tracked changes?

Thank you!

**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2017 1:30 PM  
**To:** Bilal, Kari <Bilal.Kari@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Binder, Bruce <Binder.Bruce@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Public Affairs Review (OLEM 17-07, 17-08, 17-09)

17-07 is good. 17-08 (page 31) and 17-09 (pages 8 and 31) have edits as indicated attached.  
Thank you.

**From:** Bilal, Kari  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2017 1:03 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Binder, Bruce <[Binder.Bruce@epa.gov](mailto:Binder.Bruce@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Public Affairs Review (OLEM 17-07, 17-08, 17-09)

John,

The attached draft RFPs have been received in OLEM/ARMS for review and approval, before public release. In accordance with the “**Protocol for Office of Public Affairs Review of Draft Competitive Grant Solicitations**,” we are submitting the drafts for OPA review and comment, prior to further action.

Questions/Comments on the drafts may be directed to: Kari Bilal /  
[bilal.kari@epa.gov](mailto:bilal.kari@epa.gov) / 202-566-1891

Thank you!

Kari L. Bilal | Junior Resource Official  
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**To:** Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Wed 10/25/2017 4:16:30 PM  
**Subject:** RE: OA Grant Still Under Review

Thanks. It's moving forward!

**From:** Bennett, Tate  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2017 12:15 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: OA Grant Still Under Review

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Gordon, Stephen" <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** October 25, 2017 at 11:43:09 AM EDT  
**To:** "Bennett, Tate" <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: OA Grant Still Under Review

I have read over this grant and it looks fine to me.

**From:** Bennett, Tate  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017 4:10 PM  
**To:** Gordon, Stephen <[gordon.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: OA Grant Still Under Review

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Konkus, John" <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** October 24, 2017 at 3:56:37 PM EDT  
**To:** "Bennett, Tate" <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: OA Grant Still Under Review

Big ee grant.

**From:** Potter, Ginger  
**Sent:** Friday, October 20, 2017 1:32 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>; Brennan, Thomas <[Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov](mailto:Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: OA Grant Still Under Review

Hey John—here is the narrative work plan for the entire program...what was presented with the NAAEE proposal. Some changes were made post award due to changes made for one of the partner organizations—Project Learning Tree (PLT), which moved to a different managing organization. This action had to be approved by EPA since PLT is a named partner.

**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Friday, October 20, 2017 12:58 PM  
**To:** Potter, Ginger <[Potter.Ginger@epa.gov](mailto:Potter.Ginger@epa.gov)>  
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**Subject:** RE: OA Grant Still Under Review

Thank you Ginger. Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy If you can provide the original work plan that would be much appreciated.

**From:** Potter, Ginger  
**Sent:** Friday, October 20, 2017 12:55 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>; Brennan, Thomas <[Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov](mailto:Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: OA Grant Still Under Review

John, I just spoke with Ken about the workplan for Year 3 of the teacher training program (ee360) . Because this is a 5-year program, the Principal Investigator (the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE)) is required to

provide a Statement of Work (SOW) for each year of the program because it is incrementally funded. The Year 3 SOW is what is attached.

The work plans are based on the SOWs but provide a much higher amount of detail specific to each project and each partner and is used by the PI to direct the work. As I indicated to Ken, I think that the SOW provides a good amount of detail without providing the level of detail required by the PI to manage the work of all the partners. The original workplan (2017-2021)—which equates to the proposal for the ee360 program—is several hundred pages vs. the 20 or so pages for each SOW.

<b>Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy</b>	
<b>Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy</b>	We expected the workplan sometime next week, but this is most likely going to be delayed.

I can provide you with the original workplan if that is what you would like to see...just let me know.

Ginger

**From:** Potter, Ginger  
**Sent:** Friday, October 20, 2017 12:31 PM  
**To:** Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>; Quarles, Michael <[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:Quarles.Michael@epa.gov)>; Allen, Reginald <[Allen.Reginald@epa.gov](mailto:Allen.Reginald@epa.gov)>; Brennan, Thomas <[Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov](mailto:Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov)>  
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**Subject:** RE: OA Grant Still Under Review

Ken, we do not have a finalized work plan yet. However we expect it sometime next week.

<b>Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy</b>	
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I am attaching the Statement of Work (SOW) which gives the broad outline of what is

being done by NAAEE and all the partners. The work plan goes into much more detail—perhaps much more than John is interested in seeing.

Let me know if the SOW will serve. If not, I will connect with NAAEE to see what the timeframe is for finishing the work plan.

Ginger

**From:** Sylvester, Kenneth  
**Sent:** Friday, October 20, 2017 12:10 PM  
**To:** Potter, Ginger <Potter.Ginger@epa.gov>; Quarles, Michael <Quarles.Michael@epa.gov>; Allen, Reginald <Allen.Reginald@epa.gov>; Brennan, Thomas <Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: OA Grant Still Under Review  
**Importance:** High

Hi Everyone,

Denise Polk is out until Tuesday and I have been informed by John Konkus that he has reviewed the information provided below and would like to also receive a copy of the workplan for the project at your earliest convenience (**today is his preference**). Please email to John directly with a copy of final approved workplan. Once he receives the workplan and reviews further, additional communication will be provided.

Please keep OGD (Denise, Kerry and myself) updated as throughout the process and when the workplan is sent for awareness.

Thanks,

**Ken Sylvester**

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**From:** Polk, Denise

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 18, 2017 12:58 PM

**To:** Potter, Ginger <[Potter.Ginger@epa.gov](mailto:Potter.Ginger@epa.gov)>; Quarles, Michael  
<[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:Quarles.Michael@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Allen, Reginald <[Allen.Reginald@epa.gov](mailto:Allen.Reginald@epa.gov)>; Brennan, Thomas  
<[Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov](mailto:Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov)>; Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: OA Grant Still Under Review

Thanks, Ginger. I will discuss with John and get back to you soon. Thanks!

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**From:** Potter, Ginger  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 18, 2017 11:50 AM  
**To:** Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>; Quarles, Michael  
<[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:Quarles.Michael@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Allen, Reginald <[Allen.Reginald@epa.gov](mailto:Allen.Reginald@epa.gov)>; Brennan, Thomas  
<[Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov](mailto:Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov)>; Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: OA Grant Still Under Review

Hi Denise, the revised project description language has been corrected on the ee360 Program Change Request. The project description is now:

Project ee306 will train a cadre of culturally diverse education professionals to deliver environmental education (EE) in formal and non-formal settings and strengthens the EE field so that these efforts are sustained in the future. Activities include improving the practice of 4M+ formal and non-formal educators, updating and/or creating EE Guidelines for Excellence; and training Community Change Fellows who will implement action plans.

### **The Section 6 Environmental Education Grant Program**

Under the Environmental Education Grants Program, EPA seeks grant proposals from eligible applicants to support environmental education projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. This grant program provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques and all grantees are required to provide a 25% match. Any local education agency, college or university, state education agency or environmental agency or nonprofit organization may apply

for an EE grant. Historically, a Request for Proposals (RFP) is posted each year for this program.

### **The Section 5 National Environmental Education Training Program**

EPA supports environmental education (EE) and training for teachers and other education professionals through the National Environmental Education and Training Program (NEETP), informally known as the Office of Environmental Education's teacher training program. The purpose of this program is to provide EE training and long-term support to formal and non-formal education professionals across the United States, bolstering their ability effectively teach about environmental issues. OEE operates this program as a 5-year Cooperative Agreement. Every 5 years, a Request for Proposals is posted for this program. Only institutions of higher education and nonprofit organizations (or a consortia of such) are eligible to apply and a 25% match is required from the awardee. The current program is called ee360 as is managed by the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE).

I have also attached 2 slides to illustrate the all of OEE's programs and a sum of program accomplishments.

Let me know if you have any other questions or need clarification.

Ginger

**From:** Polk, Denise

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2017 5:37 PM

**To:** Quarles, Michael <[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:Quarles.Michael@epa.gov)>; Potter, Ginger <[Potter.Ginger@epa.gov](mailto:Potter.Ginger@epa.gov)>

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**Subject:** RE: OA Grant Still Under Review

Greetings, Michael and Ginger,

Please send me the revised project description language. Also, I will need to know more about the difference between these two EE programs. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions. Thanks!

Denise A. Polk, Director

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**From:** Quarles, Michael

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2017 4:29 PM

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**Cc:** Allen, Reginald <[Allen.Reginald@epa.gov](mailto:Allen.Reginald@epa.gov)>; Brennan, Thomas <[Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov](mailto:Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov)>; Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: OA Grant Still Under Review

Thank you Ginger.

Have a great day,

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**From:** Potter, Ginger

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2017 4:23 PM

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<[Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov](mailto:Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: OA Grant Still Under Review

Hi Michael, thanks for your help with the funding package for the ee360 program. The mention of climate change in the project description was an inadvertent mistake and with your help, the Grant Specialist has corrected it. This project is not about climate change and there is no discussion of climate change in the SOW that is attached to the Change Request.

In terms of Denise's question...NE is the program code for the Section 6 (of the EE ACT) EE Grants. NT is the program code for the Section 5 teacher training program, which is a 5 year cooperative agreement.

My apologies for not responding earlier, I have been off-site in meetings for the last 2 days. If Denise or John have further questions, please let me know. I will be back in the office tomorrow.

Ginger

**From:** Quarles, Michael  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2017 11:55 AM  
**To:** Potter, Ginger <[Potter.Ginger@epa.gov](mailto:Potter.Ginger@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Allen, Reginald <[Allen.Reginald@epa.gov](mailto:Allen.Reginald@epa.gov)>; Brennan, Thomas <[Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov](mailto:Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: OA Grant Still Under Review

Thank you.

Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles  
Acquisitions and Assistance Manager  
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Mail Code 6202A  
(202) 343-9970

**From:** Potter, Ginger  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2017 11:54 AM  
**To:** Quarles, Michael <[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:Quarles.Michael@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Allen, Reginald <[Allen.Reginald@epa.gov](mailto:Allen.Reginald@epa.gov)>; Brennan, Thomas <[Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov](mailto:Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: OA Grant Still Under Review

Not a problem....I thought that everything about climate change had been removed, but I will make that change when I get back to the office.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 17, 2017, at 11:44 AM, Quarles, Michael <[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:Quarles.Michael@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ginger,

Your grant is under review by John Konkus. Please provide me with the information needed below so I can get your grant through. You will need to change the project description to remove climate change as well. Thank you for your assistance.

Have a great day,

Michael G. Quarles

Acquisitions and Assistance Manager

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**From:** Polk, Denise

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2017 11:22 AM

**To:** Allen, Reginald <[Allen.Reginald@epa.gov](mailto:Allen.Reginald@epa.gov)>; Quarles, Michael <[Quarles.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:Quarles.Michael@epa.gov)>; Young, Jill <[Young.Jill@epa.gov](mailto:Young.Jill@epa.gov)>; Schindel, Phillip <[Schindel.Phillip@epa.gov](mailto:Schindel.Phillip@epa.gov)>; OGD\_Grant\_Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>; Schulz, Amanda <[schulz.amanda@epa.gov](mailto:schulz.amanda@epa.gov)>; Durand, Jessica <[Durand.Jessica@epa.gov](mailto:Durand.Jessica@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>; Neal, Kerry

<[neal.kerry@epa.gov](mailto:neal.kerry@epa.gov)>; Jones, Laurice <[Jones.Laurice@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Laurice@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** OA Grant Still Under Review

Greetings,

The grant amendment below is still under review and cannot move forward until further notice. I would advise that you review the project description and explain the differences between the EE programs code (NE and NT). Earlier in the year the NE program awards were funded, but this one is funded under the NT program code. Please advise. Thanks in advance for your prompt response.

10/10/2016	2016-2017	Environmental North American for Profit	Not 9/1/2016	2016-2017	Leadership and Training Collaborative	Project ee306 will train a cadre of culturally diverse education professionals to deliver environmental education (EE) in formal and non-formal settings and strengthens the EE field so that these efforts are sustained in the future. Activities include improving the practice of 4M+ formal and non-formal educators, updating and/or creating EE Guidelines for Excellence; and training Community Change Fellows who will implement action plans that will demonstrate how individuals and communities can respond to climate change.
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<Pending Grants Report - Non Profits and Univeristies 2017-10-16.xlsx>

<OGD.Guidance for Managing OGDs Grant Reports.Final.6.30.17.pdf>

**To:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports[OGD\_Grant\_Reports@epa.gov]; Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]; Sylvester, Kenneth[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Wed 12/20/2017 4:20:55 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)  
Congressional Notification Daily Report Previous Day 12-19-2017.xlsx

#12 "National Center for Manufacturing Sciences" is the same as #5 on the New Actions list. So I'm waiting for more information that Sharon Green is getting for me.

All the rest are good to go.

Thanks!

**From:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 19, 2017 9:40 AM  
**To:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports <OGD\_Grant\_Reports@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Bell, Matthew <Bell.Matthew@epa.gov>; Cooper, Marian <Cooper.Marian@epa.gov>; Etheredge, William <Etheredge.William@epa.gov>; Etheredge, William <Etheredge.William@epa.gov>; Flynn, Mike <Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>; Milazzo, Julie <Milazzo.Julie@epa.gov>; Milazzo, Julie <Milazzo.Julie@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Sanders, LaTonya <Sanders.Latonya@epa.gov>; Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov>; Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>; Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>; Durand, Jessica <Durand.Jessica@epa.gov>; Durand, Jessica <Durand.Jessica@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

EPA Colleagues,

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Thank you,

Michael D. Williams

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**To:** Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]; Sylvester, Kenneth[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov]; OGD\_Grant\_Reports[OGD\_Grant\_Reports@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Thur 11/9/2017 4:27:20 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

Let's have a look at the details first please.

**From:** Polk, Denise  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 9, 2017 11:26 AM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; OGD\_Grant\_Reports <OGD\_Grant\_Reports@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

One question, can this action be moved forward or do you need the information before moving it forward??

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**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 09, 2017 10:24 AM  
**To:** Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>; OGD\_Grant\_Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>; Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)



Can I get more details on this one? All the others are good to go. Thanks.

**From:** Sylvester, Kenneth  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 9, 2017 10:00 AM  
**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>; OGD\_Grant\_Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>; Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

This particular grant is programmatically managed and was initially approved by the Office of Administrator.

Ken

202-564-1902

**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 09, 2017 9:53 AM  
**To:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>; Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>; Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

What program does this one come out of here at HQ:

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EPA HQ \$125,130.00 1/8/2015 Smart Growth  
America

TA Program to  
Build More  
Sustainable  
Communities

Smart Growth America will provide technical assistance to competitively selected communities across the US. The technical assistance will focus on helping communities implement a set of field-tested tools designed to help communities identify and adopt smart growth implementation strategies tailored to local

needs.

**From:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports

**Sent:** Thursday, November 9, 2017 7:46 AM

**To:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Bell, Matthew <[Bell.Matthew@epa.gov](mailto:Bell.Matthew@epa.gov)>; Cooper, Marian <[Cooper.Marian@epa.gov](mailto:Cooper.Marian@epa.gov)>; Etheredge, William <[Etheredge.William@epa.gov](mailto:Etheredge.William@epa.gov)>; Fenton, Kathleen <[Fenton.Kathleen@epa.gov](mailto:Fenton.Kathleen@epa.gov)>; Flynn, Mike <[Flynn.Mike@epa.gov](mailto:Flynn.Mike@epa.gov)>; Jones, Laurice <[Jones.Laurice@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Laurice@epa.gov)>; Milazzo, Julie <[Milazzo.Julie@epa.gov](mailto:Milazzo.Julie@epa.gov)>; Neal, Kerry <[neal.kerry@epa.gov](mailto:neal.kerry@epa.gov)>; Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>; Sanders, LaTonya <[Sanders.Latonya@epa.gov](mailto:Sanders.Latonya@epa.gov)>; Showman, John <[Showman.John@epa.gov](mailto>Showman.John@epa.gov)>; Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>; Vizian, Donna <[Vizian.Donna@epa.gov](mailto:Vizian.Donna@epa.gov)>; Williams, Michael <[Williams.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:Williams.Michael@epa.gov)>

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Thank you,

Jessica Durand

Policy Specialist

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**To:** Paul Schlegel[pauls@fb.org]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Thur 11/9/2017 4:14:02 PM  
**Subject:** FW: OPA Request for full workplan and application (EPA Grant No. 99T67001-0)

Let's talk on the phone later today...

**From:** Drake, Kerry  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 9, 2017 11:12 AM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports <OGD\_Grant\_Reports@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>; Manzanilla, Enrique <Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov>; Johnson, Kathleen <Johnson.Kathleen@epa.gov>; Kramer, Alexander <Kramer.Alexander@epa.gov>; Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: OPA Request for full workplan and application (EPA Grant No. 99T67001-0)

Hi John,

We heard back from the grantee confirmation that they "have not yet created any outreach materials or social media." Please see original email below from the grantee.

Please let me know if you'd like for me to set up a call to discuss.

Best,

Kerry J. Drake

Acting Assistant Regional Administrator

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The original email from the grantee:

As we are still in project preparation mode, we have not yet created any outreach materials or social media (The actual EJSG grant funds were only very recently made available for draw down, and so our work on this grant has been delayed by a few months).

The only project information that has been created thusfar for the EJSG grant is the brief project description requested by EPA for the Region 9 EJ Grantee Community Solutions Conference (Oct. 19-20, 2017). I am fairly sure that directory distribution was limited to EJ grantees, presenters, EPA staff and EPA funder colleagues in attendance at that conference. Our project was described as follows:

***Organizational description:***

*Kaua'i Environmental Health Network is a Hawaii not-for-profit community service organization that provides information to the residents of Kaua'i on issues affecting environmental health and safety, and develops community-based opportunities for creating solutions together. KEHN's resources are focused on the region of west Kaua'i as a "fenceline" community that bears disproportionate environmental risks due to its surrounding land and water uses.*

***Project Description:***

*The Kānāwai Community Engagement Project: This project will educate community members on environmental laws and local watershed issues through exchanges with local water experts, Hawaiian cultural practitioners, policymakers and state agency conservationists. A key outcome of the project will be the identification of opportunities for community-based remediation, watershed restoration and policy efforts, and a draft community-driven Plan of Action to address local water quality, environmental and public health issues.*

**From:** Konkus, John

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 8, 2017 7:51 AM

**To:** Kramer, Alexander <[Kramer.Alexander@epa.gov](mailto:Kramer.Alexander@epa.gov)>; Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>; Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports <OGD\_Grant\_Reports@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Drake, Kerry <Drake.Kerry@epa.gov>; Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>  
**Subject:** RE: OPA Request for full workplan and application (EPA Grant No. 99T67001-0)

Can we see a copy of their “outreach materials” and what are their social media sites for us to look at? Thank you.

**From:** Kramer, Alexander  
**Sent:** Monday, November 6, 2017 2:42 PM  
**To:** Sylvester, Kenneth <Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports <OGD\_Grant\_Reports@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>; Drake, Kerry <Drake.Kerry@epa.gov>; Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>  
**Subject:** RE: OPA Request for full workplan and application (EPA Grant No. 99T67001-0)

Good Afternoon Everyone,

Attached is a complete copy of the original requested workplan and application for EPA Grant No 99T67001-0. The second smaller file contains minor revisions to the workplan and additional application supporting documentation.

If you have any questions or need further information, please let me know.

Regards,

Alex

Alexander Kramer

Acting Grants and Contracts Branch Chief

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**From:** Sylvester, Kenneth

**Sent:** Monday, November 6, 2017 9:28 AM

**To:** Drake, Kerry <Drake.Kerry@epa.gov>; Kramer, Alexander <Kramer.Alexander@epa.gov>; Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>

**Cc:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports <OGD\_Grant\_Reports@epa.gov>; Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>; Jones, Laurice <Jones.Laurice@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>

**Subject:** OPA Request for full workplan and application (EPA Grant No. 99T67001-0

**Importance:** High

Hi Kerry and Alexander,

John Konkus (DAA-Office of Public Affairs) has requested the entire workplan and full application for the below referenced grant that previously awarded on September 19, 2017. Please provide the information at your earliest convenience so it can be reviewed. I've included John on this email, so you can simply "reply to all" via this email with the requested documents.

Program		Applicant		Project Description	EPA	
Grant Family	Grant Code	CFDAA Code	Applicant Name		Award Date	Record Type
No			Project Title			Amount
						Action:
						This
						Action

99T67001					The grantee's project will provide opportunities for west Kauai residents to learn about the factors that may be impacting the quality of nearshore waters and life, and the important roles of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), in helping the community protect local environmental health, local ecosystems and local natural resources.				
99T67001- 0	66.60R09	Kauai Environmental Health Network  Not for Profit	Kauai Environmental Justice Program - Kauai Environmental Health Profits Network		This assistance agreement provides \$30,000 in federal funding and approves preaward costs back to September 1, 2017,	9/19/2017	\$30,000.C		

## Ken Sylvester

Office of Grants and Debarment

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**Abstract**

Phone: (202) 564-1902



**Grant Resources:**

(External Agency Customers): <https://www.epa.gov/grants>

(Internal Agency Customers): <http://intranet.epa.gov/ogd/>

**To:** Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports[OGD\_Grant\_Reports@epa.gov]; Sylvester, Kenneth[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Fri 9/29/2017 5:15:52 PM  
**Subject:** Re: OGD Daily Grant Reports

All the others on these two lists are good to go.

John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

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On Sep 29, 2017, at 1:01 PM, Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, I understand!

Denise A. Polk, Director

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**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2017 1:01 PM  
**To:** Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov>

**Cc:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>; Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: OGD Daily Grant Reports

Thanks. Still reviewing the others. Will be done soon.

John Konkus

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On Sep 29, 2017, at 1:00 PM, Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)> wrote:

Ok, we will not award until you approve. We will add to the unresolved list! Thanks!

Denise A. Polk, Director

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**From:** Konkus, John

**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2017 12:57 PM

**To:** Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>; Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: OGD Daily Grant Reports

Yes until and unless it gets a major overhaul and yes I would be very happy to talk w/ the program.

John Konkus

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On Sep 29, 2017, at 12:51 PM, Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)> wrote:

John, are you saying we cannot award? Should I set up a meeting with program to discuss?

Denise A. Polk, Director

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**From:** Konkus, John

**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2017 11:31 AM

**To:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>; Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>; Sylvester, Kenneth <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Fwd: OGD Daily Grant Reports

Right off the bat I can tell you the first grant in the congressional notification is a no. I am still reviewing all the others.

Thank you,

John Konkus

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** September 29, 2017 at 11:09:36 AM EDT  
**To:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports <[OGD\\_Grant\\_Reports@epa.gov](mailto:OGD_Grant_Reports@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Vizian, Donna" <[Vizian.Donna@epa.gov](mailto:Vizian.Donna@epa.gov)>, "Showman, John" <[Showman.John@epa.gov](mailto:Showman.John@epa.gov)>, "Cooper, Marian" <[Cooper.Marian@epa.gov](mailto:Cooper.Marian@epa.gov)>, "Bell, Matthew" <[Bell.Matthew@epa.gov](mailto:Bell.Matthew@epa.gov)>, "Milazzo, Julie" <[Milazzo.Julie@epa.gov](mailto:Milazzo.Julie@epa.gov)>, "Flynn, Mike" <[Flynn.Mike@epa.gov](mailto:Flynn.Mike@epa.gov)>, "Etheredge, William" <[Etheredge.William@epa.gov](mailto:Etheredge.William@epa.gov)>, "Neal, Kerry" <[neal.kerry@epa.gov](mailto:neal.kerry@epa.gov)>, "Polk, Denise" <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)>, "Sylvester, Kenneth" <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>, "Durand, Jessica" <[Durand.Jessica@epa.gov](mailto:Durand.Jessica@epa.gov)>, "Jones, Laurice" <[Jones.Laurice@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Laurice@epa.gov)>, "Sylvester, Kenneth" <[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov)>, "Fenton, Kathleen" <[Fenton.Kathleen@epa.gov](mailto:Fenton.Kathleen@epa.gov)>, "Sanders, LaTonya" <[Sanders.Latonya@epa.gov](mailto:Sanders.Latonya@epa.gov)>  
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Management staff across the agency.

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Thank you,

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**To:** Polk, Denise[Polk.Denise@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Sylvester, Kenneth[Sylvester.Kenneth@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Fri 9/29/2017 12:57:58 PM  
**Subject:** Re: OGD Daily Grant Reports

Good to go!

John Konkus

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On Sep 29, 2017, at 8:49 AM, Polk, Denise <[Polk.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Polk.Denise@epa.gov)> wrote:

Greetings, John,

OA has changed the project description to read as follows:

This comprehensive nationwide project covers a wide array of topics including: air & water quality, drinking water, toxics, planning & resource allocation, data management, compliance & enforcement, solid & hazardous waste, emerging contaminants, energy & energy efficiency, public & environmental health, state capacity building, alignment of state & EPA priorities, civil rights, EJ, oversight, partnership enhancement, legal relationships, performance measures, streamlining of state environmental business processes, innovations, new technologies, and pollution prevention.

Please let me know if this action is cleared to move forward. Thanks!

Denise A. Polk, Director

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On Sep 28, 2017, at 12:29 PM, Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)> wrote:

I'm reviewing the competition report.

All on the pending grants approved.

All on the congressional report approved BUT this one below seems to need an updated description:

83596001x5 3	EPA HQ	\$520,000.009/27/2017	Environmental Council of the States	ECOS Omnibus Cooperative Agreement	This comprehensive nationwide project covers a wide array of topics including: air & water quality, drinking water, toxics, planning & resource allocation, data management, compliance & enforcement, solid & hazardous waste, emerging contaminants, climate change, energy & energy efficiency, public & environmental health, state capacity building, alignment of state & EPA priorities, civil rights, EJ, oversight, partnership enhancement, legal relationships, performance measures, streamlining of state environmental business processes, innovations, new technologies, and pollution prevention.
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**Sent:** Thursday, September 28, 2017 11:59 AM

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Upcoming Competition Report	The purpose of this report is to show information on all competitive grant funding opportunity announcements expected to be posted by headquarters and regional program offices in the next month.	<u><b>OGD Grant Reports@epa.gov</b></u> Bruce Binder <u>binder.bruce@epa.gov</u>	Monthly, at the end of the month

Thank you,

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<Congressional Notification Daily Report Previous Day 092817.xlsx>

<Upcoming Competition Report 2017 Oct.xlsx>

<Pending Grants Report - New and Supplemental - 2017-09-28.xlsx>

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**Cc:** Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Brennan, Thomas[Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov]  
**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Tue 12/5/2017 2:18:30 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)  
Congressional Notification Daily Report 12-05-2017.xlsx

Grants Team: everything except the first grant #6 (see below) on the sheet is good to go.

Tom and Tate: on this particular grant, what's up with this EE grant? Why don't we use NEEF for something like this? Thank you!

8369580MT 2	EPA HQ \$2,096,500.00/4/2017	North American Association for Environmental Ed	ee360 Leadership and Training Collaborative	Project ee306 will train a cadre of diverse education professionals to deliver environmental education (EE) in formal and non-formal settings and strengthens the EE field so that these efforts are sustained in the future. Activities include improving the practice of 4M+ formal and non-formal educators, updating and/or creating EE Guidelines for Excellence; and training Community Change Fellows who will implement action plans.
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**From:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 5, 2017 7:56 AM  
**To:** OGD\_Grant\_Reports <OGD\_Grant\_Reports@epa.gov>  
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Thank you,

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**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Thur 10/5/2017 1:15:33 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

Yes that's the one. Thank you.

John Konkus

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On Oct 5, 2017, at 9:14 AM, Polk, Denise <Polk.Denise@epa.gov> wrote:

Greetings, John,

I just want to confirm that this is the one you have questions about?? If so, I will follow-up with R4.

00D48516- 3	EPA R4	\$50,000	10/4/2017	NC CH - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill dba Office of Contracts & Grants	Environmental Finance Center Grants (OCFO)	This action approves an award in the amount of \$111,111 to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Environmental Finance Center. Funding will be used to support an integrated set of services designed to address the "how-to-pay" questions related to environmental management and the Environmental Protection's Agencies five strategic goals and cross-agency strategies, and to produce measurable positive environmental outcomes throughout
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and across the country.

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**From:** Konkus, John

**Sent:** Thursday, October 05, 2017 9:13 AM

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**Subject:** Fwd: Daily Grant Report (Congressional Notification)

I have some questions about the last one on this list: 00D48516-3.

The rest can move forward.

Thank you,

John Konkus



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Begin forwarded message:

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